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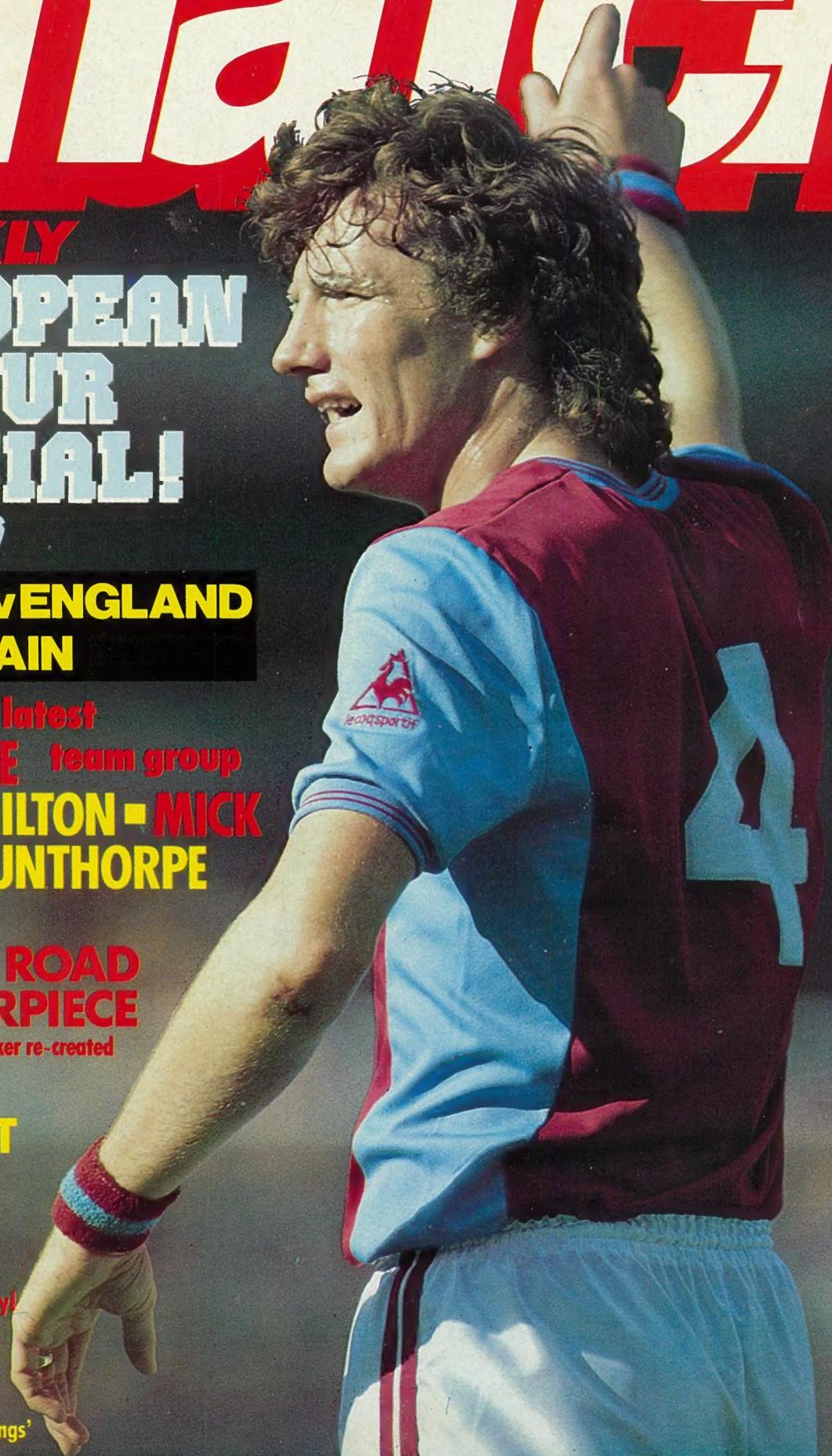
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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Aston Villa's Scottish
international defender,
Alan Evans.



The dynamic duo. England
goalscorers Tony Woodcock (left) and
debut boy Sammy Lee revel in the
glory of victory.

WOODCOCK

**TONY Woodcock — playing
in borrowed boots — rates
his double blast against
Greece as the most
important goals of his
England career.**

The Arsenal striker, whose boots
were lost at the team hotel in
England says: "I've scored some
vital goals for England but those
two in Salonika were the most

important.

"We badly needed a win in
Greece to keep our European
Championship hopes alive so it
was vital that we got off to a good
start."

Tony gave England just the start
they needed when he latched on to
a header from full-back Kenny
Sansom to beat the Greek
goalkeeper after just one minute
fourteen seconds.

"It wasn't the most spectacular
goal I've scored, but I was
delighted to see it go in. It was just
the boost we needed.

"The goal couldn't have come at
a better time because we were
getting a really hostile reception
from the Greek fans. It certainly
quietened them down a bit.

"I thought it was a great team
performance from England in
difficult conditions. The Greeks

MATCH VERDICT

IRISH eyes were smiling in every corner of that
divided country.

And why not?

With Northern Ireland leading European
Champions West Germany a merry jig in
Belfast, and a decimated Republic of Ireland
team clawing their way back from the jaws of
defeat to hold Spain, it was a glorious night to
remember for the Irish.

And with re-shaped England overcoming the
hostilities and treacherous conditions to leave
the fervent Greeks in ruins, British football in
Europe will doubtless have a more successful
day this season.

It's just a crying shame that Scotland were
rolled over by the Swiss in Berne, but that was
no disgrace in the light of improving
Switzerland's shock win over World Cup
holders Italy in Rome recently.

But while everyone applauds the
wholehearted commitment England showed in
dictating affairs in Greece, it was the Irish
teams who deserve the laurel wreaths.

For Northern Ireland, the 1-0 win over West
Germany was perhaps the most famous in their
history, even surpassing their achievement in

toppling Spain when they were the surprise
team in the World Cup Finals.

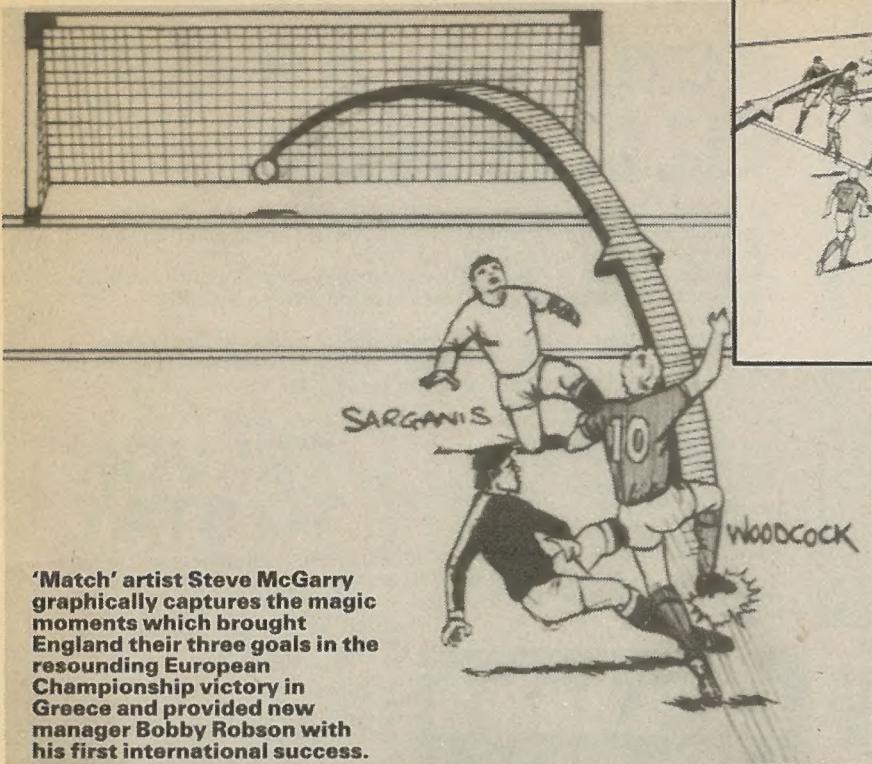
Although injury-hit Eire failed to complete an
Irish double over the Spaniards, their fighting
comeback from being 3-1 down to earn a point,
deserves almost equal credit in view of the
absence of several regular players.

Both were key results for the Irish teams in
their bid to qualify for the European
Championship Finals in 18 months' time.

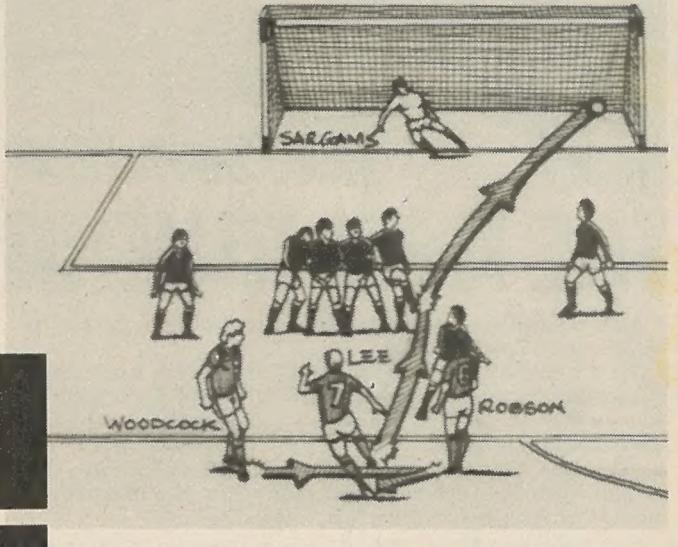
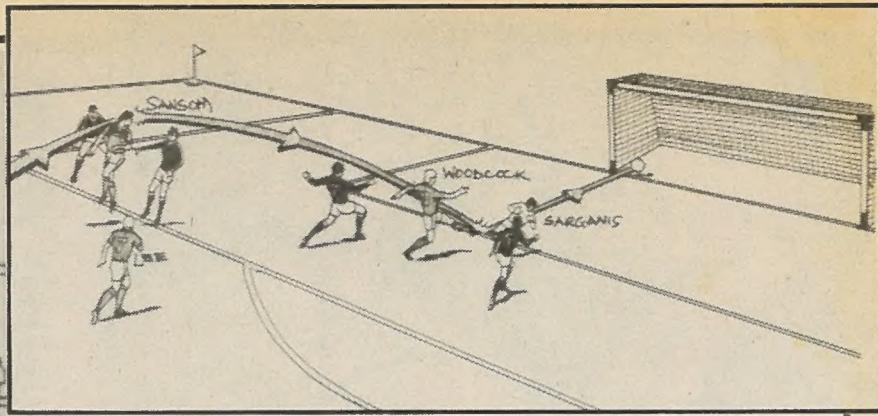
England's hopes were galvanised by that
emphatic 3-0 win in Salonika which was
regarded at the outset as probably their
trickiest adventure.

But with Tony Woodcock underlining his
strong claims for an extended run by scoring
twice, England, settled by a second minute
goal, looked efficient and far superior in every
department on a sub-standard surface.

There's still some way to go, but with new
men like Gary Mabbutt and Sammy Lee
showing great potential; new skipper Bryan
Robson illustrating why he's the best all-round
player in the country; and the Woodcock and
Paul Mariner partnership gelling, it augurs well
for the remaining qualifying matches.



'Match' artist Steve McGarry graphically captures the magic moments which brought England their three goals in the resounding European Championship victory in Greece and provided new manager Bobby Robson with his first international success.



-A-HOOP!

were very physical and clattered us at every opportunity.

"It was amazing that none of their lads were booked. Some of the challenges were over the top."

Tony and his two strike partners, Paul Mariner and Tony Morley, took the brunt of the punishment as they tried to carve a way through the uncompromising Greek defence.

"We knew it would be a tough game because the Greeks have a

good record at home. They've beaten both Russia and Czechoslovakia in recent months."

Liverpool midfield ace Sammy Lee made his full international debut and crowned the occasion with England's third goal. Tony says: "Sammy was very impressive.

"He settled down quickly, battled hard and did the same sort of job as he's been doing at Liverpool for the last couple of years.

Of his own performance two-goal Tony says: "I was fairly pleased. I found it easier than playing in the First Division.

Slower

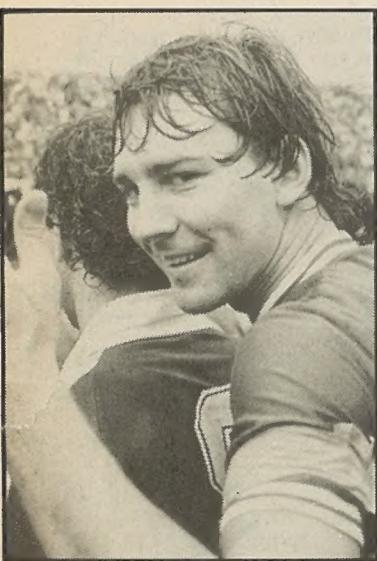
"It was like being back in West Germany. The pace was slower and I had more time. In the First Division the game is played at 70 miles an hour."

The former Nottingham Forest and Cologne star is hoping that his two goals against Greece will convince England manager Bobby Robson that he's worthy of an extended run in the side.

In an interview with Match Weekly last week Tony said that he needed a run of three or four games before England would see the best of him.

"It was great to get a full game," says Tony, who's been capped more than 25 times: "And I hope it's the start of a lengthy run."

The striker had to borrow a pair of England trainer Norman Medhurst's boots after his mysteriously disappeared before



THUMBS up from Bryan Robson after leading England to victory in Greece in his first match as captain.



What a start for England as Tony Woodcock slips the ball past Greece goalkeeper Saganis just 74 seconds after the kick-off.

the team flew off to Greece.

He explains: "I had left them in a polythene bag and one of the chambermaids must have thrown them out. They were later discovered in a dustbin.

"As I'd reported for training with only one pair of boots I had to ask Norman if I could borrow his."

"Even though the boots helped Tony to a two goal star performance he has no plans to try and buy them off Norman. He says: "I'll stick with mine — I know them best!"

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Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

● 'Match' provides you with the first exclusive colour pictures of England's win in Greece and Eire's battling draw with Spain on Pages 10 and 11.



THE NEW MACKAY

YOUNG England star Gary Mabbutt is the new Dave Mackay of Tottenham.

That's the opinion of former Tottenham manager Bill Nicholson who presented Gary with the Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month' award for September (above).

"It takes me back to the days of Dave Mackay, the Tottenham powerhouse in the sixties. His attitude spread throughout the club," says Bill.

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Bond backs Ray all the way

RAY Wilkins, the Manchester United and England skipper who has received his share of criticism this season, has an unexpected ally in Manchester City boss John Bond.

He reckons United are only half as good without their injured skipper who is expected to be out until after Christmas with a fractured cheekbone.

"I know that Ray takes an awful lot of stick from some of the Press," says the City manager, "but analyse United's approach very carefully and note how many times Ray builds the attacks for them."

● LIVERPOOL manager Bob Paisley has come up with a foolproof way of avoiding television interviews following his team's matches.

"Whenever I feel that I don't want to go in front of the cameras, I make sure I'm wearing the other channel's tie," reveals the wily manager.

TREVOR TO STAY

FORMER England star Trevor Brooking may defer plans to quit at the end of this season if he recovers from his pelvic operation.

The 34-year-old West Ham player was considering retiring when his contract expires next summer, but after injury problems this season he may stay on for another year.

"If the operation is a success, and I feel I can still give 100 per cent in the First Division, I would consider signing for another year," says Trevor, who has not played a first team game this season.

"I was hoping this was going to be a good season for me, then I could bow out on a high note."

"But it hasn't turned out that way. I certainly wouldn't stay if I thought I was going to struggle, but I would prefer to sign off with a good season behind me."

"I owe that to our fans who have been so terrific to me."

ENGLAND'S FUTCHER STOPPER

OLDHAM manager Joe Royle believes his central defender Paul Futcher is ready for an England call-up.

Dubbed the new 'Bobby Moore' when a teenager at Luton, Paul has never quite lived up to those rave reports.

It all looked good for the blond, six-footer when he joined Manchester City for £350,000 and most shrewd critics assumed the next step was certain to be a regular place in the England team.

But the early promise was never quite fulfilled and when Paul was transferred to Oldham three seasons ago, he was written off as another 'wonder boy' who had failed to make it.

However, Oldham boss Joe, who used to play with Paul at Maine Road, feels he is now fulfilling his potential.

"When I came to Oldham everyone told me that Paul was a super player but that every now and again he'd make a terrible error and give away a goal," says Joe.

"He's certainly not done that this season and if there is a better defender around at the moment then I haven't seen him. Now's the time for Paul to be given that white shirt of England."

ALTHOUGH Peter Shilton is currently England's number one goalkeeper, Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw still wouldn't swap him for Ray Clemence.

"I wouldn't have anyone but Ray in goal—not even Peter," he declares.

"His agility is second to none, and his speed off the line is invaluable to us."

COLCHESTER goalkeeper Mike Walker celebrated his 300th consecutive appearance for the Fourth Division side by saving a penalty in the 2-0 home win over Mansfield.

GRIMSBY'S former Ipswich striker Trevor Whymark has been appointed player-coach by the Second Division club.

WEST Ham have signed Greg Campbell, the 17-year-old son of Portsmouth manager Bobby, as a full professional.

CHARLTON central defender Geoff Scott has made an unhappy start with the Second Division club following his recent £40,000 transfer.

The ex-Leicester player has had a cartilage operation after only two games for the Londoners.

WELSH winger Carl Harris shot down his former Leeds team mates with Charlton's winner at Elland Road, but he had mixed feelings about his goal.

"I would rather have scored against someone else because I still have a lot of affection for Leeds," he says.

GRATEFUL GORDON

UTILITY player Gordon Smith believes Wolves manager Graham Hawkins has restored his confidence after a disappointing three years with Tottenham.

The 28-year-old former Aston Villa player managed only 38 First Division outings in that time, due to a combination of serious injuries and loss of form.

He was released at the end of last season and his League career appeared in the balance until Wolves stepped in with an offer.

And he immediately rediscovered the kind of form that prompted Aston Villa to recruit him from St Johnstone for £80,000 in August 1976.

"Moving to Wolves has been fabulous," he says. "I wanted to come back to the Midlands and Wolves were good enough to give me a clear-cut offer."

"If possible, this is the club where I would like to finish my career."

"It's not that long since manager Graham Hawkins was a player and he seems to be on the same wavelength as most of us at Molineux."

"He's given me a lot of confidence that might have been waning in my last few years of football and has made me believe in myself again."

This is Gordon's first spell outside the First Division since coming south of the border, but he confidently expects to be back in the big time with Wolves next season.

"I'm very pleased with the start we've made in trying to get back to Division One," he says.

"There's been a lot of good effort from all departments of the club. Everyone is going in the same direction and is determined that the club will do well."

"I'm particularly pleased with our two young central defenders, Bobby Coy and John Pender. They have played well in very important positions."

"John Humphrey has also done well at right back and they are all influenced at the back by goalkeeper John Burridge. He is a great character on and off the pitch and certainly keeps the place buzzing."

SIXES SUCCESS

THE English Schools' Football Association/Smiths Foods six-a-side championship for 11-year-olds, begins its fifth season with new England manager Bobby Robson offering his support by saying: "Over the years, coaches have realised more and more the benefits of small-sided games for the development of players."

"This is even more true for schoolboy players. The small-sided game gives young players more time on the ball and therefore more opportunity to develop their individual skills. At the present time this is absolutely vital for the future of the game at every level."

Around 6,000 schools are expected to take part in the competition which reaches its climax before the England v Scotland schoolboy international at Wembley on June 11, with the four regional champions bidding for the Smiths Cup.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

★★★★★
MANCHESTER City winger Dennis Tueart receives an illustration of "The Goal of My Life" which featured one of his spectacular goals in a Match Weekly series earlier this season. The presentation is made by the artist responsible for the series, Steve McGarry.

Now the former England player has done it again with his unusual free kick goal against Swansea highlighted in our 'Golden Goal' series on Page 23.



WINDY CHELSEA

AFTER the stories surrounding the so-called gipsy's curse at Birmingham comes news that Chelsea are dipping into the realms of superstition to aid their bid for the First Division.

It surrounds a weather vane depicting George Harrison, the first player to score 100 goals for the club.

It once stood on top of the now demolished old stand at Stamford Bridge, but now it is being reconstructed on the orders of chairman Ken Bates.

He learned from a clairvoyant that Chelsea would continue to struggle until the old-timer is returned.

WHEN it comes to giving players the 'chop' then nobody is better qualified in football than new Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson.

The tough Scot has a black belt in Karate!

PAUL STOKES 'EM UP

STOKE manager Richie Barker is full of praise for his midfield trio of Mike Thomas, Sammy McIlroy and Paul Bracewell who have given the 'Potters' such a fine start to the season.

"Mike is at last making more headlines on the field than off it," says Richie. "He's an infectious bundle of energy, who really gets the people around him playing and Sammy McIlroy is performing better now than at any time in his career."

"But in many ways young Paul Bracewell is the real unsung hero. He's a local lad who is the engine room of the side."

SCOTTISH CUP LATEST

TINY Forfar who reached the Semi-Finals of the Scottish FA Cup last season, have to play in the opening round this season away to non-League Peterhead.

The Second Division club, who took Rangers to a replay before



bowing out last term are just one of seven League sides playing in the First Round on December 11.

First Round draw: Meadowbank v Elgin; Selkirk v Brora Rangers; Brechin v Cowdenbeath; Peterhead v Forfar; Stirling Albion v East Stirlingshire; Vale of Leithen v Stranraer.

Second Round (Jan 8): Berwick v Stirling Albion or East Stirlingshire; Peterhead or Forfar v Inverness Caley; Stenhousemuir v Arbroath; Meadowbank or Elgin v Gala Fairydean; East Fife v Brechin or Cowdenbeath; Queen of the South v Hawick Royal Albert; Albion Rovers v Vale of Leithen or Stranraer; Selkirk or Brora Rangers v Montrose.

A SMILING Billy Thomson, St Mirren's Scottish international goalkeeper is pictured with Match Weekly's Premier Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for September.

BOBBY'S BULLDOG BREED

TOTTENHAM'S exciting star Gary Mabbutt and Luton's black midfield pearl Ricky Hill appear to be the first two of England's new generation of internationals certain of a place in manager Bobby Robson's future plans.

Ricky, who made his full debut against West Germany, has been included in all three Robson squads, while young Gary's adaptable style has made him an important commodity at this level.

There is still a possibility that Watford's top scorer Luther Blissett may yet convince Robson, although there is a great deal of competition for places in the firing line.

And the latest Under-21 graduates, Danny Thomas, Sammy Lee and Paul Goddard, are still to come through their initiation tests before they can assume a part in the England set-up.

It's almost certain that these three 'Young Lions' would have received their chance much earlier but for England's involvement in the UEFA Under-21 Final with West Germany which clashed with two of Robson's three internationals.

So far, Robson has named 27 different players in his three squads — 28 if you include Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey who was a late replacement on the subs' bench for the injured Ray Clemence against West Germany.

And only 12 players have figured in all three squads.

'MATCH' attempts to read the mind of new England manager Bobby Robson with a fascinating look at the implications behind his first three squads — highlighting the intriguing comings and goings at international level as a new England era dawns.

Plus we talk to one of the newest recruits to Robson's regime and, on the page opposite, feature the plea of one of England's more experienced campaigners.

Injuries have dictated some of the changes, and the important Under-21 clashes have meant earlier than expected opportunities for young players — notably Stoke's Mark Chamberlain and Watford winger John Barnes.

But the future doesn't look too bright for men like Ipswich defender Russell Osman, overhauled again by West Ham's Alvin Martin, Southampton's David Armstrong and West Brom striker Cyrille Regis — both dropped after the West Germany defeat.

So some of the England men of the future are beginning to appear.

Hill and Mabbutt seem certain candidates, while Sammy Lee, Danny Thomas and Paul Goddard are all set to join them

as England regulars of the future. Danny couldn't believe it when he heard of his selection, however . . .

He admits that he hasn't produced his best form for Coventry this season.

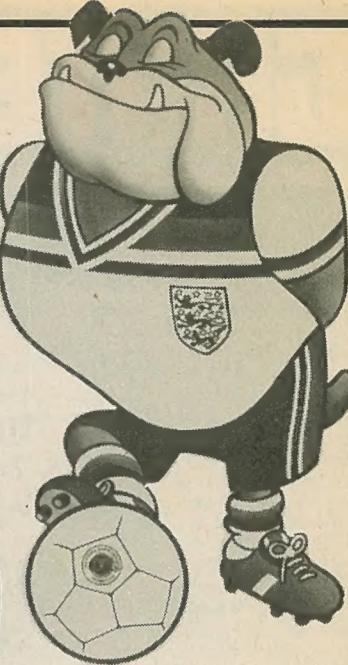
And he had forgotten that Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson was still ruled out with injury sustained in training for last month's clash with West Germany.

But it came as a great early birthday present for the talented youngster, coming just four days before his 21st celebrations.

"I didn't expect to be included in the squad for the Greece game," he says.

"In fact, I really expected to be named again in the Under-21 squad, but I'm not complaining.

"It's every young footballer's



Danny Thomas



Gary Mabbutt

dream to be included in the England squad, and I hope I can take my chance.

"I know my name had been bandied about before the squad was announced, but I had completely overlooked the fact that Viv was still injured.

"Obviously the success of the England Under-21 side in winning the UEFA Championship has helped my promotion to the senior side and I'm very grateful to all concerned.

"But I thought I might have to wait a little longer for my call-up because I don't think I have produced my best form for Coventry this season.

"I've been playing a little better in the past few weeks, and now it's up to me to keep playing well for my club if I am to stay in the England squad."


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ROBSON'S CHANGING SQUADS

HERE'S your at-a-glance guide to the shuffling and shunting in the England squads since Bobby Robson took over. Draw your own conclusions.

This was Ron Greenwood's last squad as the England manager — the World Cup Final 22: Clemence, Shilton, Anderson, Brookings, Butcher, Coppell, Foster, Keegan, Francis, Hoddle, McDermott, Mariner, Mills, Corrigan, Neal, Rix, Robson, Sansom, Thompson, Wilkins, Withe, Woodcock.

This was Bobby Robson's first squad for the European Championship game in Denmark earlier this season.

RETAINED: Shilton, Clemence, Anderson, Thompson, Butcher, Sansom, Neal, Coppell, Wilkins, Robson, Rix, Mariner, Woodcock, Francis.

DROPPED: Mills, Withe, McDermott, Keegan, Foster.

INJURED: Corrigan, Brookings, Hoddle.

RECALLED: Armstrong, Devonshire, Morley, Osman.

NEW BOY: Hill.

Changes to the squad for the West Germany game:

RETAINED: Shilton, Clemence, Anderson, Armstrong, Mariner, Woodcock, Wilkins, Devonshire, Rix, Hill, Butcher, Thompson, Osman, Morley, Sansom, Robson.

DROPPED: Neal.

INJURED: Francis, Coppell.

RECALLED: Regis, Martin.

NEW BOYS: Mabbutt, Chamberlain, Barnes, Blissett.

Changes to the squad for Greece:

RETAINED: Shilton, Clemence, Butcher, Martin, Sansom, Thompson, Devonshire, Robson, Rix, Mabbutt, Hill, Mariner, Morley, Woodcock, Blissett.

DROPPED: Neal, Coppell.

RECALLED: Chamberlain, Barnes, Regis, Armstrong, Osman.

INJURED: Anderson, Wilkins.

NEW BOYS: Lee, Goddard, Thomas.

YOUNG Irish hero Ian Stewart is re-tracing some of the illustrious steps of his boyhood idol George Best.

But not for the 21-year-old the fanfare of trumpets and blaze of publicity that hailed the entrance of the Manchester United genius into the Northern Ireland arena.

The Queen's Park Rangers forward, plucked from the same Belfast background as Best, has made it the hard way in every sense of the word.

As he returned to his native city to score the winner against West Germany in the European Championship clash at Windsor Park, he reflected on the days he walked the streets as an out-of-work youngster.

"I was rejected by Everton just after leaving school. I was signed as a 14-year-old, but they didn't think I would make it and released me," says Ian, who made his international debut as a substitute in the 4-0 friendly defeat in France last season.

"It was a big setback to me as I had my heart set on a career in professional football."

"I suppose that disappointment made me even more determined to make it and prove a lot of people wrong."

"I spent nearly a year on the dole and, in that time, I trained alone and worked hard on my game in the hope that I would get another chance."

"I spent day after day pounding the streets or running through local woodlands."

"There were times when I wondered whether it was worth it, but I suppose the hope that one day I might get another chance kept me going."

"I even took up the guitar and played with a local band to help occupy my time."

"That has come in handy because I can now serenade the lads on long trips."

"Eventually I was approached by Rangers scout Bill Smyth while playing for a local boys club team and he recommended me to manager Tommy Docherty."

"And from the moment I joined Rangers, I haven't looked back, although I had to wait a couple of seasons before getting a regular place."

"But I was always confident that I would make it to the team. You've got to have confidence in your own ability."

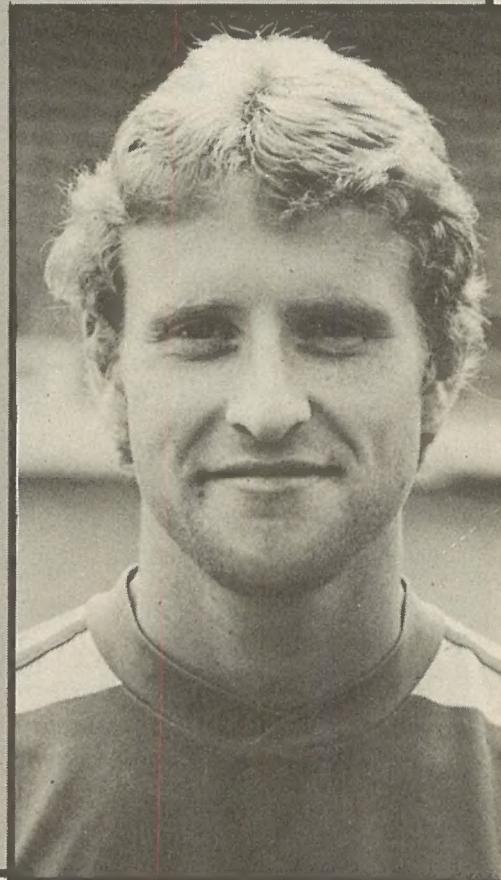
Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham obviously saw the potential by including him against France last season after only two full Second Division appearances.

And Ian received rave notices after an impressive full debut in Austria last month even though he left the field with an injury in the second half.

BEST FOOT FORWARD!

IAN TAKES THE TOUGH ROUTE TO THE TOP

Below: Ian Stewart . . . the new Irish star who idolises George Best.



But, in the mould of his superstar idol, he believes in 'doing his own thing' on the field.

"When I've got the ball, I like to dribble with it," he says.

"I suppose people will label me a selfish player, but if my style comes off then it's worthwhile doing it."

"I enjoy taking on defenders. That's what the fans love to see."

Ian has a list of ambitions as long as your arm, including playing in the First Division, winning cups and championships, and establishing himself in the Irish team.

But, guess what's top of his list? "I would love to meet George Best," he says.

If young Ian has nurtured just a few of the exciting skills Best paraded, then Rangers have a player to watch.

And that will cause a few red faces around Goodison Park.

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NORTHERN Ireland's famous victory over European Champions West Germany was doubly sweet for defender John O'Neill.

The Leicester player's important role in helping keep England's recent destroyer Karl-Heinz Rummenigge under lock and key atoned in some way for his axeing from the World Cup Finals team.

"Being left out of the team after helping them reach the Finals was the biggest disappointment of my life," says John, who was recalled against Austria last month in preference to Chris Nicholl.

"I felt far worse than when Tottenham beat us in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final last season. I was shattered and sick."

"But to be part of an Irish team that defeats the World Cup runners-up has sweetened that

Glory night for O'Neill



JOHN O'NEILL

bitter pill.

"It was certainly the best Irish performance I've seen and I suppose it must be the greatest ever victory in the country's history.

"I was on the bench when we beat Spain in the World Cup Finals and I was really feeling for the lads that night.

"But it's far worse watching than actually playing. I enjoyed it far more with being involved in the actual match.

"The midfield quartet worked superbly to deny West Germany any space through which to

service their dangerous strikers, and we were well worth our victory," says John, who struck a post in the opening six minutes.

"And that goal from young Ian Stewart was really special, although it didn't come as a surprise to me.

"He's a cheeky, little chap and in training he was screaming in shots from all angles."

And what an occasion for Sunderland full back Jimmy Nicholl to celebrate his 50th cap. He said:

"I did say in Match Weekly

before the match that we needed a bigger miracle than the one we had when we defeated Spain to achieve a win over West Germany.

"But in the end it wasn't a miracle or luck. We simply worked harder than they did and could have beaten them by a larger margin.

"They looked classy when they were allowed to play, but we worked very hard and made it difficult for them.

"They were dangerous early on, but after Ian Stewart's 18th minute goal, we could have been two or three up by half-time.

"It was a great team performance which I would certainly put on a par with our victory over Spain.

"If we can get results in Turkey and Albania in our next two games, then we could be in with a real chance of qualifying."

Striker Norman Whiteside is chased by West Germany's Manny Kaltz during Northern Ireland's shock 1-0 win over the World Cup runners-up.



ASHLEY Grimes' first goal for Eire arrived like an oasis in a desert of controversy and disappointment that has surrounded the Manchester United midfielder in recent weeks.

His second minute cracker from fully 25 yards not only fired Eire on the way to a brave 3-3 draw with Spain, but brought a ray of sunshine to the darkest period of his career.

Apart from originally being left out of the Eire squad, he also faced an F.A. hearing this week on a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

That followed his sending-off at West Ham last month when he allegedly jostled the referee after the rejection of a penalty claim.

He was half-way through a

Great boost for Grimes



ASHLEY GRIMES

club ban of two games for the sending-off when he was dramatically recalled to the injury-hit Eire team.

"So it was great to score my first goal for Eire in a match I shouldn't have been playing in," says the 24-year-old who was winning his 13th cap.

"I was disappointed only to be named among the stand-in players when the squad was announced, but when I reported I

could see by the number of injuries that I was going to get a game.

"In the light of all my problems at the moment, it came as a great boost.

"And when I scored with virtually my first touch of the ball, well, that was almost unbelievable.

"I played a ball down the right to Mike Robinson who had a shot

blocked. He laid the rebound back into my path and I just hit it with my left foot on the run.

"It was one of the sweetest balls I've ever hit and I could see it going in all the way."

But even when Eire trailed 3-1 with half-an-hour left, Ashley didn't believe they were fighting a lost cause.

"We were on top for most of the second half with Spain scoring against the run of play," he says.

"I don't think any of the lads thought it was the end.

"We battled and battled and in the end fully deserved those two Frank Stapleton goals that earned us a vital point.

"It was a game we couldn't afford to lose so, in the end, that point may prove vital."

DESPERATE!

SCOTLAND only have themselves to blame that we didn't make it a glorious night for British football.

We really should have beaten the Swiss in Berne in our Group One European Championship qualifier. We had the chances to win the game but we simply didn't take them.

In the first half, I felt we played very well and Paul Sturrock, John Wark and his Ipswich team-mate Alan Brazil all had chances to score. Nine times out of ten, in the same situation they would have.

The Swiss got off to a great start in the second half when Claudio Sulser — their best player on the night — put them ahead within four minutes of the restart. After that, they were all over us.

Both goals came from set pieces and that's very worrying for us. At international level, you hope that you are better organised.

We suffered a couple of lapses in concentration and we paid the price for it.

Conditions in Berne were awful. The pitch was very heavy and it snowed during the game. In many ways, the ground reminded me of Anfield last season before the improvements were carried out.

I'm not making any excuses about the conditions. We're professionals and should be able to cope with that. Anyway, it was the same for

SCOTLAND HOPES ROCKED BY SWISS

the Swiss.

I was very impressed by them in the second half when they really had their tails up and as well as Sulser, former Nottingham Forest midfield star Raimondo Ponte had an excellent game.

Many people expected us to go out there and win. We'd have loved to oblige, but we knew it wasn't going to be easy. Although the Swiss

has put us in a desperate situation in the Championship. It means that we've got to go to Belgium in our next game and get a result.

With only one team from each group qualifying, it's important that we get back to winning ways as soon as possible.

We're in a hard group anyway and we knew it

The Graeme Souness Column

aren't regarded as a world power in football, they're still a very difficult team to beat.

Any side that can go to World Champions Italy and win as well as beat the likes of England has to be treated with respect.

The defeat was especially disappointing after our good performance in the European Championship opener against East Germany at Hampden.

While there was optimism that we were finally getting things right after that game, the Swiss defeat has hammered it home to us that we've still got a long way to go. It's made us realise that we've still got a lot of work to do.

To be honest, the defeat

wouldn't be easy. The Belgian game now takes on extra significance for us.

But while we've lost this one, it isn't the end of the world. We're still in the hunt. It's a matter of picking ourselves up and getting over it.

The best result of the night was Northern Ireland's shock 1-0 win over World Cup runners-up West Germany. I was very pleased for them.

Belfast isn't an easy place to play Northern Ireland, I know from personal experience.

They always make it very difficult for you and are always chasing, harrying and battling for the ball.

It was their first home game

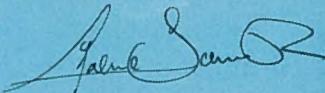
since their tremendous exploits in the World Cup in Spain and they really turned it on for their fans.

England also notched up a very good win in Greece and I was tremendously pleased for my little midfield team-mate, Sammy Lee.

He scored on his international debut and that will have given him all the confidence in the world. I've said for some time that Sammy was ready to take his place in the full international line-up and he's proved me right.

Although he's only a young lad, he's been playing at the very highest level for a few years now and that experience showed in Greece.

The hostile Greek atmosphere isn't the ideal place to make your debut but Sammy settled in very well and put in a typical gutsy performance.



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The turning point on a sad night for Scotland. Goalkeeper Jim Leighton (grounded) and Willie Miller (right) look in anguish as Claudio Sulser celebrates Switzerland's opening goal.



EIRE BATTLES HOLD SPAIN

ABOVE: The goal that set Dublin alight. Frank Stapleton rises gracefully above the Spanish defence to climax Eire's dramatic comeback with a late equaliser.

RIGHT: Eire midfield star Liam Brady attempts to resist a lunging challenge from Spain's Antonio Macea.

BELLOW: Tony Grealy, the bearded Eire skipper, lashes a drive past despairing Spanish defender Jose Antonio Camacho, but on this occasion he was out of luck.



GREECE



Recalled winger Tony Morley tries in vain to shrug off the close attentions of Greek full back Jean Gounaris.

WOODCOCK STRIKES TWICE!



LIGHTNING



ABOVE: Always a battler, that's little Sammy Lee. Here the new England cap attempts to wriggle clear from the clutches of Greek defender Livathinos.

ABOVE LEFT: Tony Woodcock provides England with more breathing space as he lofts the ball over Greece goalkeeper Saganis for his and the team's second goal midway through the second half.

LEFT: What a moment for Sammy Lee to savour as the new England dynamo celebrates his debut by driving home the third goal via a defender's foot in the Greek wall.



BIG SHOTS!

Top right: Liverpool ace Kenny Dalglish made Brighton pay for his goal famine with two in this 3-1 victory. Here he slots home his second goal despite the close attention of Tony Greasham.

Top left: The great Goal Rush is on as Liverpool's Ian Rush starts his four-goal destruction of Merseyside rivals Everton by slipping the ball past goalkeeper Nev Southall.

Centre: Turbo Power shooting from Manchester City's Tommy Caton as he blasts his team's second goal past Coventry keeper Les Sealey in the 3-2 victory at Maine Road.

Left: Southampton players George Lawrence and Steve Moran congratulate Alan Ball on scoring in the 3-0 defeat of West Ham which proved to be his last goal in League football.

NO MISTAKE, BY GEORGE!



George Wood — "I thought I might have to leave Highbury."

GEORGE Wood admits: "Six weeks after joining Arsenal, I thought I'd dropped a right clanger."

The Scottish international goalkeeper explains: "I couldn't see myself breaking into the side because Pat Jennings was playing so well. I began to think I might have to leave Highbury."

George joined 'The Gunners' from Everton in August 1980 for £150,000, but lived in the shadow of the great Northern Ireland star for one and a half years. During that time, he made just 11 First Division appearances.

But his big chance came midway through last season when Pat went down with a hamstring injury and even when the big Irishman recovered, George kept his place on merit.

"I knew I'd been bought as cover for Pat. I thought it was worth a year's wait to play for a big club like Arsenal but, as time went on, I felt I'd made a big mistake."

"I was in the reserves and going nowhere. I was desperate for first team football so that I could remind people of what I could do."

Following Pat's injury,

George made 38 consecutive League appearances and that run was only ended when he badly twisted his ankle in the 2-2 draw at Luton last month.

"The injury to Pat was my big break and I had to make the most of it. I knew I had to play so well that manager Terry Neill couldn't drop me."

"I'm delighted with the way things have gone over the last year and now I feel I'm back to my best form."

George also believes he's improved since he joined Arsenal. He says: "I'm a better player now than when I joined them. Much of the credit for that must go to Bob Wilson. He's taught me a lot."

Former Highbury favourite and Scottish international Bob Wilson, who is now a BBC Television football reporter, still coaches the goalkeepers at Arsenal twice a week.

"Concentration is the main thing I've improved on. I used to play well for 80 minutes and then let in a stupid goal. Bob has drummed it into me to be on my toes all the time."

"Competing for a place against a goalkeeper of Pat's stature has also been great experience," says George, who started his League career with East Stirling.

"He's a great fellow and we get on very well together. He helps me with tips and we're always talking about the game and discussing where we each went wrong."

"Pat always looks so composed and relaxed on the field and I've tried to model myself on him in that respect."

"Although I'm determined to keep him out of the Arsenal side, I fervently hope that he wins a century of caps for his country. He's only a handful away now and he deserves to reach that special landmark."

"Pat is 37 but I'm sure he'll be around in another three or four years — his experience will help to see him through."

Arsenal have made a poor start to their First Division campaign, but George maintains: "We're not out of the reckoning yet."

"I'm a great believer in the three points for a win scheme. It means that any team who can string together a good run still has a chance."

"Realistically, I reckon Arsenal's best hope of success this season could be in one of the cup competitions. We've got a side that could be suited to the one-off situations."

"It's taken England striker Tony Woodcock a little time to

settle in, but now he's playing well up front with Alan Sunderland and we could soon see the partnership blossom."

Of his own international career — four full caps — 30-year-old George admits: "It has never really got off the ground."

"I'm grateful for the caps I've got. If someone had told me when my career started that I'd play four times for my country, I'd have been delighted."

"There's always the chance of a recall and obviously I'd love to play for my country again. It's up to me to prove to manager Jock Stein that I'm worth another look."

George was included in Scotland's World Cup squad for Spain and was regarded as number two to Alan Rough of Partick Thistle.

But it looks as though Aberdeen's Jim Leighton has leapfrogged over him, for George lost his squad place for Scotland's European Championship qualifier against East Germany.

"I've still got time to add to my tally of caps," says George, who made his international bow against Northern Ireland in 1979.



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DOUBLE TROUBLE

Glavin aims to sink Sheffield's Cup hopes

BARNESLEY big gun Ronnie Glavin has his sights trained on completing a Sheffield 'double'.

Having already helped blast United out of the Milk Cup with two goals in the previous round, the free scoring Scot is now gunning for Wednesday.

And now he admits: "Beating Wednesday would mean more to our fans than any other result because there is a lot of rivalry between the two clubs.

"Obviously we would have preferred a home tie at this stage of the competition but we won't be short of support in what should be a 40,000 crowd."

It would be a prized feather in Barnsley's cap if they could shatter the cup ambitions of both the Sheffield clubs after spending so many years in the shadows of their South Yorkshire neighbours.

But top scoring Ronnie isn't underestimating his side's task — even though they took four points from the Hillsborough team last season.

"I've seen Wednesday four times this season and they are a far better team now.

"Garry Bannister is an obvious danger and both Mike Lyons and Ian Bailey have brought First Division experience to their defence.

"They will be difficult to break down but I'm not undermining our chances.

"I know we've had an up and down season so far but we have risen to the occasion in the Cup ties," says Ronnie who has returned to form with a bang after a cartilage operation.

Barnsley reached the Quarter-Finals of the equivalent League Cup last season — beating Manchester City on the way before bowing out to Liverpool after a replay.

Admits Ronnie whose two goals in the 3-1 victory over Sheffield United took his season's tally to ten: "It would be nice to think we can reach the last eight again but it's going to be tough.

"It was hard against United and I suppose we can expect an even more difficult time against Wednesday.

"I think we would be quite happy with a draw to take them back to Oakwell."

No one's relishing the prospect of next week's South Yorkshire shoot-out than Wednesday's young midfield star Kevin Taylor.

He regards himself as a Barnsley lad, despite being born down the road at Wakefield, and still lives in the enemy territory.

But it was Wednesday who snapped him up as an apprentice and now he's out to repay their faith.

"The derby means a lot to me because I was born and bred in the area," says Kevin, who still watches Barnsley when he can.

"It's an ideal tie for the fans but it's a shame one of us has to go out of the competition.

"I played in both our derby defeats last season, so I'm hoping it's going to be third time lucky.

"I think we are a better side this season and it's made life a little easier in midfield knowing you've got defenders like Mike Lyons and Ian Bailey at the back.

"Our main aim is to achieve promotion to the First Division, but a good cup run also boosts confidence.

"I don't think Barnsley have reached the heights of last season but they are always capable of grabbing a good result away from home.

"We shall have to keep a special eye on Ronnie Glavin who is among the goals again, and defender Mick McCarthy is a danger from set pieces.

"But the Wednesday side is looking forward to the match, and at the moment, we don't fear anyone at Hillsborough."

In the other ties the luck of the draw stayed with Tottenham again.

Last season they were drawn away only once — at Chelsea — in reaching two Cup Finals and they are at home again next week to face Luton.

The First Division newcomers held Spurs to a 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane on the opening day of the season and they go back to London with manager David Pleat proclaiming: "On our day we can beat anyone. This is a great challenge."



Ronnie Glavin — "We have risen to the occasion in Cup ties."

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TEASER

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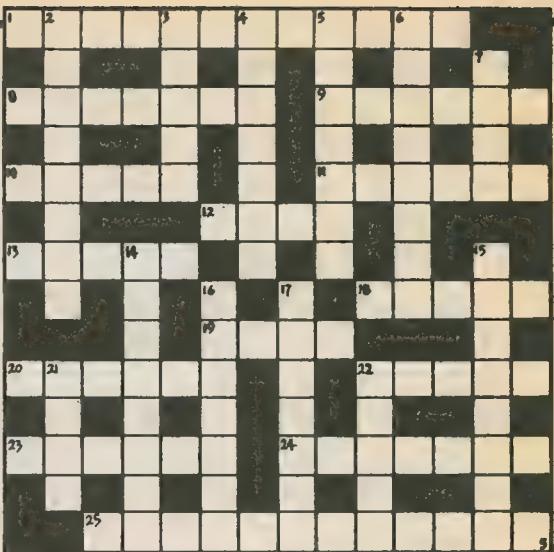
- 1 Who scored England's goals in the 2-2 draw with Denmark in September?
- 2 What was the result of Eire's opening game in Holland?
- 3 Name one of the Eire scorers in their 2-0 home defeat of Iceland last month.
- 4 Who was Northern Ireland's goalkeeper in their 2-0 defeat in Austria?
- 5 Who scored Scotland's first goal in their win over East Germany at Hampden?
- 6 Who was Wales' match winner against Norway in their opening game?

RIDDLE TIME

I WAS born in Manchester and started my League career with a lower division club in that area.
I was then transferred to a seaside club in the North where I made more than 140 League appearances.
A First Division club then moved in and I am still with them although no longer in the top flight.
Don't miss next week's 'Riddle Time' when we'll reveal the identity of our mystery star.
• Rangers captain John McClelland, the Northern Ireland international, was the answer to last week's poser.

ODD ONE OUT

Name the odd one out in these trios from First Division clubs.
1 Liverpool: Souness, Kennedy, Lawrenson.
2 Ipswich: Wark, Mariner, Brazil.
3 Arsenal: Woodcock, Rix, O'Leary.
4 Aston Villa: Mortimer, Withe, Morley.
5 Swansea: Marustik, Hadzibabic, Rajkovic.
6 West Ham: Clark, Stewart, Van der Elst.



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ACROSS

1. Top scorer for Dundee United in the last two seasons (4,8)
8. This defender returned to Hull from Darlington during the summer (7)
9. Is Stoke's Derek doin' it to his car? (6)
10. Famous Italian side always to be seen playing in winter (5)
11. 'On last' (anagram) — former Australian international Adrian played for Luton and Cardiff (6)
12. The ground of 24 across (4)
13. They're not obligatory but players usually wear them! (5)
18. --- Harrison, television commentator (5)
19. --- Parry, television commentator (4)
20. These sounds from the crowd are sometimes rather rude (6)
22. Midfielder Stuart --- (who sounds like a stonecutter) played mainly for Wrexham and Chester (5)
23. 'A smile' (anagram) — this famous club from 22 down - has appeared in almost as many European competitions as Liverpool (6)
24. One of the clubs with an X in its name (7)
25. 'Makes the dart' (anagram) — this attacking left-back makes many darts up the wing (5,7)

DOWN

2. The famous manager who played for Aston Villa, Oxford and Kettering and began his League managerial career with Cambridge (8)
3. Forest won the --- Cup in a Final against Barcelona but lost it in one against Valencia (5)
4. Post (7)
5. They're often needed to decide which clubs go into the next round of the FA Cup (7)
6. 'This Eric' (anagram) — actually, it's not Eric, it's Derrick! (8)
7. Mr Zoff has lot of noise in his name (4)
14. Harold Bell set the League record of 401 consecutive appearances whilst playing for this club (8)
15. Goalkeeper who skippered Spain in the World Cup (8)
16. An injured player can expect this at the hands of the physiotherapist (7)
17. The referee usually carries at least a couple (7)
21. Television soccer man who has been the chief programme presenter for both ITV and BBC (4)
22. Country playing in the same European Championship group as Eire and Spain (5)



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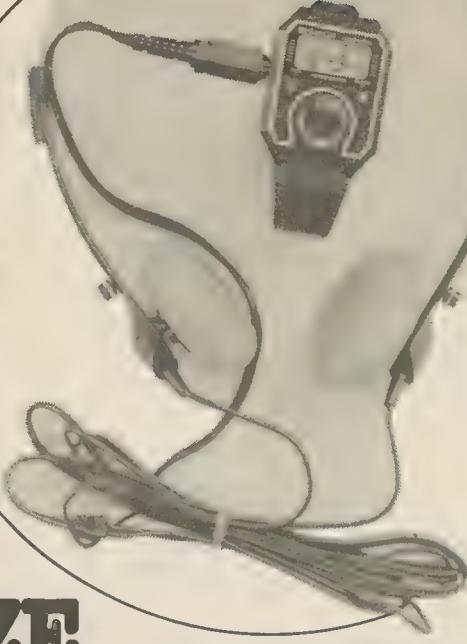
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COMMON LINK

NAME these three players from a Midlands First Division club and say what they have in common.

SOLUTIONS

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Struckoff 8 Skipper 9 Patti
Miller (hidden) 11 Alison 12 Shelly
13 Boots 18 Gerry 19 Alison 20
Hannah's 25 Debbie 26 Sherri
DOWN 1 message 17 Wreches, 21 Hill 22
Dino, 14 Tammerie; 15 Andersons 16
Debbie 3 Frank 5 Separation of Tony
Geoffish 4 Jim Plate 5 Mother
Janie 6
TEASER: 1 Trevor Friends, 2 A-2-1
Debbie 3 Frank 5 Separation of Tony
Geoffish 4 Jim Plate 5 Mother
Janie 6
MISSING LINK: 1 Baby Gembell, 2
College, 3 Kerri Dixon, 4 Breckin
Ground, 5 Chesterfield, 6 Mottingham
Forest
ODD ONE OUT: 1 - Kennedy, is not a
UKer; 2 - Merle, he's not a
metronome; 3 - Dicks, he's not a
television; 4 - Clark, he's not a
Muppet; 5 - Motorland - he's
never been capped by England; 5
O'Leary - he plays for the other two
England's; 6 - Morrissey, he's
English; 7 - the other two are Scots.
COMMON LINK: They are all
Northeasterners - British Isles; 6 - Spent spells on
Misfits and then veered off to Garry
for their first World Cup.

EDER 'NO' TO ITALY

BRAZILIAN winger Eder has quashed speculation about a possible transfer to Italian club Napoli.

The brilliant 26-year-old with the explosive left foot shot, says: "As far as I am concerned, all the talk and all the rumours about me leaving Brazil are unfounded."

"Other clubs may be interested in signing me, but I'm not leaving just yet."

"I promised the fans that I wouldn't even consider a move until I had helped my club, Atletico Mineiro, win the Brazilian Championship and that is my priority."

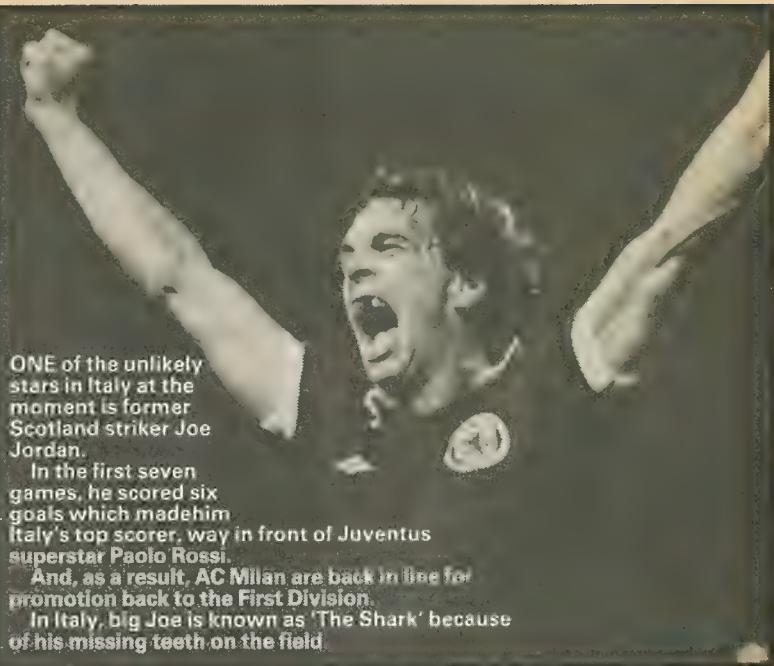
"And, anyway, my family are all here in Brazil and moving to Europe can be such a big gamble."

"Although my contract with Mineiro ends next month, I will stay on for at least another year, if not longer."

Eder also denies rumours that he has played his last game for Brazil.

"It was something I said in the heat of the moment after the World Cup Finals, but I've thought better of it now and if my country wants me I'll be there," he stresses.

"I'm sure I'm a better player now through my World Cup experience."



ONE of the unlikely stars in Italy at the moment is former Scotland striker Joe Jordan.

In the first seven games, he scored six goals which made him Italy's top scorer, way in front of Juventus superstar Paolo Rossi.

And, as a result, AC Milan are back in line for promotion back to the First Division.

In Italy, big Joe is known as 'The Shark' because of his missing teeth on the field.

Thomas reigns in Spain

CAMEROON'S black flash goalkeeper Thomas N'kono admits that language problems may bar his way to success with his new Spanish club Espagnol of Barcelona.

But it has done nothing to spoil his displays — Thomas reproducing his World Cup Final form in the tough Spanish League.

Enthusiastic Thomas, who models himself on former West German goalkeeper Sepp Maier, right down to the long shorts he likes to wear, says: "I am enjoying every minute of it, although I am constantly hounded by the media."

"My aim is to become one of the best 'keepers in Spain. I have a great chance here, but it takes time to adapt to the pace of the game and I have a language problem with my fellow defenders."



Classy Conti

EVERYONE has been raving about Italy's World Cup winger Bruno Conti since his performances in Spain, but his club manager at Roma, Nils Leidholm, adopts the 'I told you so' stance.

"Certainly people seem only to have discovered Bruno since the World Cup Finals, but I knew he was a good player a long time ago," says the Roma boss.

"I think he has been the best player in Italy for quite some time."

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THE CAP FITS TOMMY

WHEN England look towards the next World Cup, then young Manchester City defender Tommy Caton is bound to figure in manager Bobby Robson's plans.

His elevation to the senior squad in Greece last week as replacement for injured Ipswich defender Terry Butcher was to be expected.

In my book, he rates as one of the best three young central defenders in the First Division, and I'm certain he'll be an England player for years to come.

Terry Butcher and my old West Ham team mate Alvin Martin are the other two outstanding defenders, but Tommy has youth on his side.

Many people overlook the fact that Tommy is still only 19.

He has been a regular in the First Division for the past three years and has chalked up almost 150 League appearances in that time.

His promotion to the England senior squad was inevitable after figuring prominently in the successful under 21 side.

It was simply a matter of when Bobby Robson believed he was ready for the transition.

He's an aggressive, level-headed young player who will not be affected in the least by his new status.

In fact, I would think that he was mildly embarrassed about his selection, and there will certainly be no question of him believing that he's now made it.

It's probably a bonus for England that he is basically a left-footed player, and that attribute could just get him the vote at times in certain team selections.

He might just be the ideal player at times to balance up England's back four.

I have always rated him in my battles with him during my West Ham days, but it's only when you are involved with him on a daily basis that you realise his tremendous potential.

I suppose it was the same with Alvin Martin at West Ham. When you see them playing and training every week, then you appreciate their talents a lot more than when you meet them twice a season.

In many ways young Tommy reminds me of former Tottenham and Wales centre-half Mike England who I had several dealings with in the mid-seventies.

Like him, Tommy's hard and aggressive, but very fair in his challenges.

And I'm certain he's going to be around the England scene for many years to come.

I was also delighted to see my former West Ham striking partner Paul Goddard also included in the England squad.

He's got a lot of natural skill and ability and I gather he's working very hard this season.

It's possible that he is now revelling in his role as the senior striker at West Ham with my replacement, Scotsman Sandy Clark, having his first taste of First Division football.

I was a little disappointed that he wasn't given a chance against Greece, although obviously the selection of Tony Woodcock proved successful in the end.

Back on the domestic front, we are still searching at City for a consistent string of results to endorse our appearance in the top six.

After successive home victories over Swansea and Southampton that lifted us into second place, we slipped up 1-0 at Ipswich who are really in a false position near the bottom of the table.

I have always been an admirer of the passing skills of Ipswich and they didn't disappoint me in the first half against us at Portman Road.

They have several quality players and I'm sure they will have no trouble in climbing well into the top half.



THE DAVID CROSS COLUMN

THE Manchester City striker tips team-mate Tommy Caton for international stardom, and reckons the young City defender will play a big part in England's 1986 World Cup plans.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

of the table in the New Year.

We played quite well in the second half without creating the same amount of chances Ipswich made in the first half, mainly due to the form of central defenders Russell Osman and Terry Butcher.

They complement each other well with Osman sweeping and Butcher attacking, and they have developed into one of the best centre-back pairings in the division.

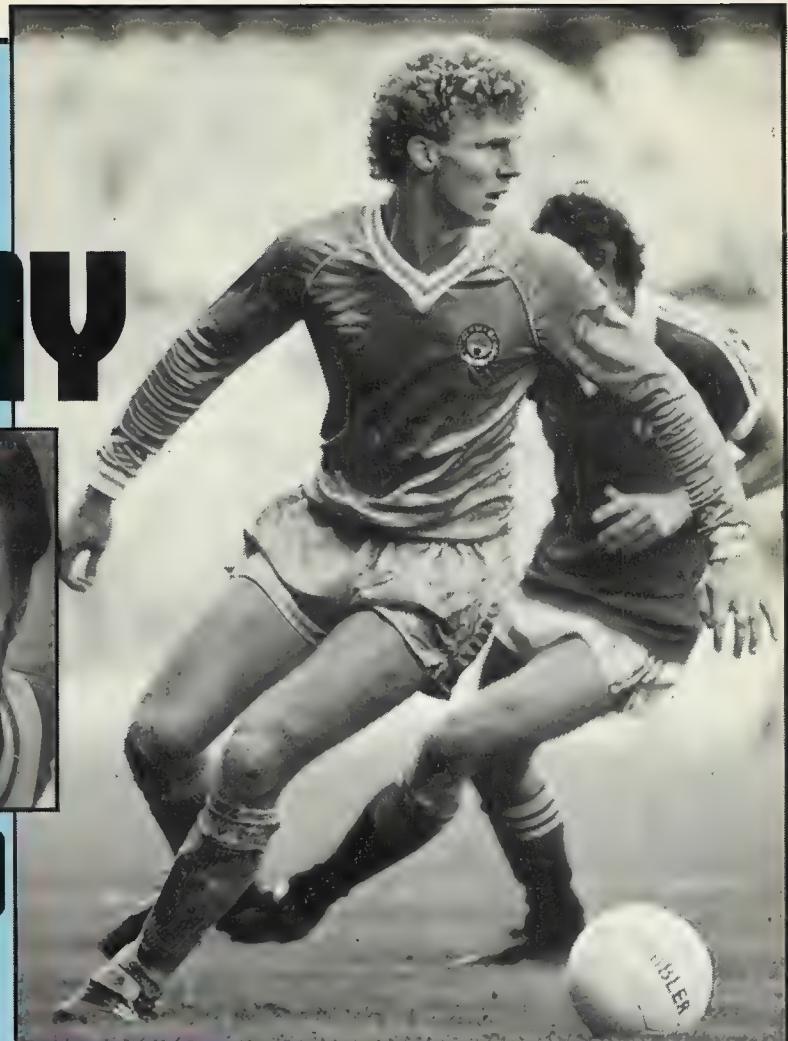
They never enjoyed the same success as a pairing for England, but going from club to country is a different ball game and every player needs time to settle into new environments.

We enter the second third of the season hoping to find some consistent form to endorse our appearance in the top six.

We are working hard in training but I believe that consistency is just something you hope becomes a part of your make-up.

But everyone at Maine Road is well pleased with our position at this stage of the season, particularly as we haven't put together a telling series of results.

● David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.



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LE UNITED



Front: Peter Cartwright, John Anderson, Imre Varadi, Kevin Todd, Terry McDermott, Arthur Cox (manager), Kevin Keegan (captain), John Craggs, Steve Carney, David McCreery, Kenny Wharton.

STAR CHALLENGE

TWO of England's most exciting wingers come face to face at Stoke's Victoria Ground on Saturday.

Tony Morley, currently his country's number one on the flanks, meets young pretender Mark Chamberlain as Stoke entertain European Champions Aston Villa.

Mark, a close season bargain-buy from Fourth Division Port Vale, has already figured in one of Bobby Robson's England squads and is enjoying a remarkable rise to fame.

The Stoke star is also this week's guest on 'Star Challenge', where the name of the game is forecasting results.

Top match of the day is at Anfield, where League Champions Liverpool take on FA Cup Winners Spurs, in a repeat of last season's Milk Cup Final.

The mighty Anfield side won the day at Wembley and completed the double when they beat the Londoners 1-0 at the beginning of the season in the Charity Shield.

In the corresponding League fixture last season, Liverpool made sure of their record breaking 13th First Division title by beating Spurs 3-1 with goals from Mark Lawrenson, Kenny Dalglish and Ronnie Whelan.

Former Arsenal skipper Pat Rice makes a nostalgic return to Highbury for the first time when he leads Division One new boys

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

Watford against his old club.

London has already proved a happy hunting ground for Watford as they beat Tottenham 1-0 at White Hart Lane. Pat will be hoping to pick up another three points in the capital on Saturday.

Mark has predicted the scorelines of ten First Division matches and you can see his forecasts alongside those of 12-year-old Stoke fan Richard Haddlesey, of Hull, North Humberside.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Richard scores more than Mark, he will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

Win or lose, every reader lucky enough to tackle a star receives a personally signed photograph.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

And don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

MARK CHAMBERLAIN

IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST



This week Mark Chamberlain (below) is challenged by 'Match' reader Richard Haddlesey of Hull (above).



FIXTURES

Saturday, November 27

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Watford
Birmingham v Sunderland
Brighton v Notts C
Ipswich v Swansea
Liverpool v Spurs
Luton v Southampton
Man. Utd v Norwich
Nottm. F. v Man. City
Stoke v Aston Villa
West Brom v Coventry
West Ham v Everton

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Leeds
Bolton v Leicester
Burnley v Derby
C. Palace v Wolves
Fulham v Sheff. Wed
Middlesbrough v Blackburn
Newcastle v Cambridge
Oldham v Grimsby
O.P.R. v Carlisle
Rotherham v Chelsea
Shrewsbury v Charlton

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Bradford
Cardiff v Chesterfield
Exeter v Orient
Gillingham v Wigan
Huddersfield v Bristol R.
Oxford v Lincoln
Portsmouth v Doncaster
Preston v Plymouth
Sheff. Utd v Brentford
Walsall v Southend
Wrexham v Newport

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Blackpool
Bristol C v Colchester
Harlepool v Halifax
Hull v Chester
Peterboro' v Port Vale
Scunthorpe v Bury
Torquay v Rochdale
Tranmere v Hereford
Wimbledon v Crewe
York v Mansfield

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee v Kilmarnock
Hibs v Celtic
Motherwell v Morton
Rangers v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Dundee Utd

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v Clydebank
Ayr v Queens Park
Clyde v Partick
Dumbarton v Hearts
Falkirk v Hamilton
Raith v Alloa
St Johnstone v Dunfermline

Sunday, November 28

DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Reading

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Stenhousemuir
Berwick v Forfar
Cowdenbeath v Brechin
Meadowbank v Stirling
Montrose v East Fife
Queen of the South v Albion
Stranraer v East Stirlingshire

DIVISION FOUR

Northampton v Darlington

GOLDEN DENNIS TUEART GOAL! MANCHESTER CITY

MAN. CITY 2, SWANSEA 1

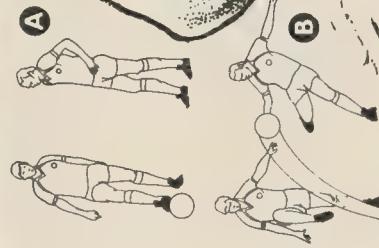
League Division One, Maine Road, Saturday October 30, 1982.
DENNIS Tueart has scored some spectacular goals during his distinguished career, but his 16th minute strike against **Swansea** bordered on the unique.

It was a gem of a goal from an indirect free-kick that was conjured up on the spur of the moment by Dennis and Scottish international **Asa Hartford**.

Asa cleverly flicked up the ball (see diagram, right) and Dennis volleyed it over the defensive wall and beyond the reach of the bemused **Dai Davies** in the Swansea goal.

Little wonder Dennis was in raptures about the piece of spontaneous brilliance.

"It was something we conjured up on the spur of the moment," says Dennis. "Asa mentioned it as we lined up for the kick, and fortunately for me it came off. It was pure magic."



ASA
HARTFORD



DENNIS
TUEART

Steve
McGarry



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"He's a wizard in the air."



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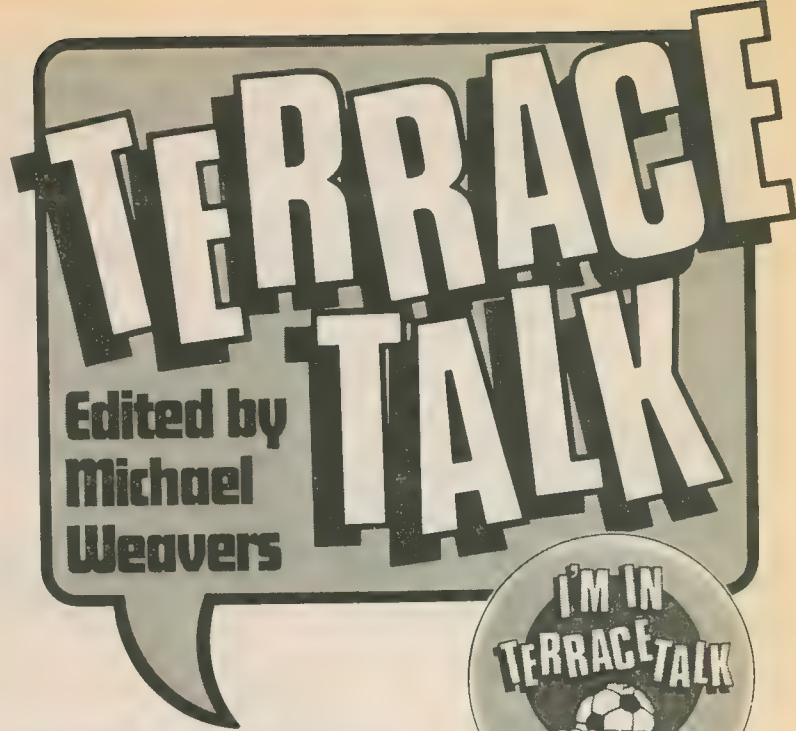
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So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

I MUST come to the defence of England manager Bobby Robson, who was heavily criticised by Richard Fletcher ('Terrace Talk', November 6) for drafting several young players into the England set-up.

The writer complained that this would not be beneficial to England. A gradual introduction of young talent, he said, would show more positive results.

I think Bobby Robson showed great courage and foresight in replacing established stars with up-and-coming youngsters, who will benefit from international experience and become better players.

It also showed that he will reward skill and ability, whatever the age of the player,

with an England call-up.

Bobby Robson is a brave and go-ahead manager who deserves support and encouragement from the football public.

Robert J. Green, London.

AS A Leeds fan, I was amazed to hear the secretary of Newcastle United speaking on the radio following the crowd trouble at the Leeds v Newcastle League match.

He said that all the trouble was caused by Leeds fans. It wasn't. Newcastle fans were also guilty of misconduct.

I'm not trying to stick up for the few mindless Leeds fans — including the one who threw a marble at Kevin Keegan — but too often Leeds United get all the



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TOO MUCH KEEGAN!

ANY unbiased football supporter, with a real love for the game, must welcome the thought of a genuine soccer revival in the North East, where the game's past giants Newcastle and Sunderland are long overdue for success.

But anyone watching televised soccer this season would think that the great North East revolution is here... at least in Newcastle, that is!

Every time I turn on a soccer programme, their new signing, Kevin Keegan, is filling the screen. Newcastle's spate of star signings make them an attractive proposition for the local crowd, but it hardly qualifies Newcastle for continual national coverage.

It's time TV realised that soccer does not begin and end with Kevin Keegan and that a fairer distribution of TV coverage among the League clubs is called for.

Rebecca Harper, Orton Longueville, Peterborough.

Kevin Keegan — it's time TV realised soccer does not begin and end with him, says Rebecca Harper.

blame purely because of their reputation.

Steven Cooper, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire.

● AND that's a reputation that must change before it destroys the club.

I'M sure that all knowledgeable followers of the domestic football scene in Scotland shared my horror when reading Laura Hooker's letter in 'Terrace Talk' (November 6).

Apparently, she feels that an all-tartan Scottish team would struggle against Fourth Division opposition.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Scotland would fare much better, I'm sure, without some of their over-rated exiles.

Alan Hansen, I feel, is far too casual in the Scottish rearguard. Graeme Souness hangs onto the ball far too long in midfield and Steve Archibald lacks penetration up front.

I would rather see the likes of Craig Paterson, Neil Simpson and Paul Sturrock in the side any day. And so would many other Scots.

David Howie, Aberdeen, Scotland.



Alan Hansen — far too casual, claims David Howie.

IT MAKES me really angry when I hear opposition fans jeering Tottenham's Argentine star Ricky Villa every time he touches the ball.

Ricky should not be despised because of his nationality. He had no say in the war with Argentina over the Falklands.

Ricky has been very loyal to Spurs and has performed with great skill on grounds all over Britain. So for goodness sake, let him get on with his football.

Sue Brown (13), Wool, Dorset.

HOW on earth can 'Match' feature Ricky Hill's header in the game between Luton and Manchester United as a 'Golden Goal'?

It was a weak header that United keeper Gary Bailey fumbled.

And 'Match' had the nerve to say that during that particular match, United took an early lead against the run of the play. Rubbish! United dominated the first half and were unlucky not to score three or four goals.

I should know, I was there.

Jeremy Morris, North London.

● IN red and white favours?

HERE's my football top ten:

1. Fame — Gary Mabbutt.
 2. Zoom — Watford in Division One.
 3. Starmaker — Bobby Robson.
 4. Muscles — Micky Droy.
 5. Ebony and Ivory — New England team.
 6. Magic — Glenn Hoddle.
 7. Do You Really Want to Hurt Me? — Harald Schumacher.
 8. Help — Bristol City.
 9. I Wanna Do It With You — Terry McDermott to Kevin Keegan.
 10. Say Hello, Wave Goodbye — Ossie Ardiles.
- Katie Summers, Chepstow, Gwent.*

I WAS disgusted when I saw Dennis Tueart score with a volley in the League clash with Swansea at Maine Road recently.

When Asa Hartford flicked up an indirect free-kick for Tueart to volley over Swansea's defensive wall, I thought the referee should have disallowed the goal as Hartford did not play the free-kick correctly. The ball did not rotate, Hartford just put his toe under it and flicked it in the air.

Jonathon Mason (11), Kempston, Bedford.

● WHY should you want to disqualify one of the best goals of the season — a masterpiece of invention and skill — on a technicality?

I WAS breathless with excitement after watching Brighton's League clash with West Ham.

It was the best game I've seen at Brighton for ages. Both teams were committed to all-out attack, with Brighton coming out 3-1 winners.

I would have missed much of the excitement if I had not attended the match and instead, hoped for TV to show an edited version of the game.

So my advice to stay-at-home football fans is get out and support your team. TV highlights cannot replace a live game in terms of thrills and atmosphere.

Liam Richardson (14), Lancing, Sussex.



Gary Shaw — just the man to put England among the goals, says Victor Butchers.

IT'S about time Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw was given a full England cap.

His superb hat-trick in the European Cup clash with Dinamo Bucharest at Villa Park was a shining example of his skill in front of goal.

Sharp-shooting Shaw is just the man to put England among the goals.

Victor Butchers, Stone, Kent.

FOOTBALL fans, on the whole, have got their attitude all wrong. They support successful First Division teams from afar when what they should be doing is turning out to cheer on their local sides.

Only through support will the smaller clubs be able to survive the financial crisis. And perhaps then, they may be able to achieve some success.

Who knows, I may soon have the pleasure of seeing Cambridge United in League action against Liverpool!

Simon Beale, Guilden Morden, Herts.

● WHY? Do you fancy Liverpool to be relegated?

GOLDEN GOOF

"It looks as though Sunderland boss Alan Durban has gone in for cradle-snatching," says Jonathan Syddall, of Bolton, Lancashire, who spotted this Golden Goof. The player referred to is, of course, ex-England skipper Mick Mills who is 33-years-old.

But last night, boss Alan Durban appeared no closer to signing the 3-year-old Ipswich star despite Chelsea's decision to drop out.

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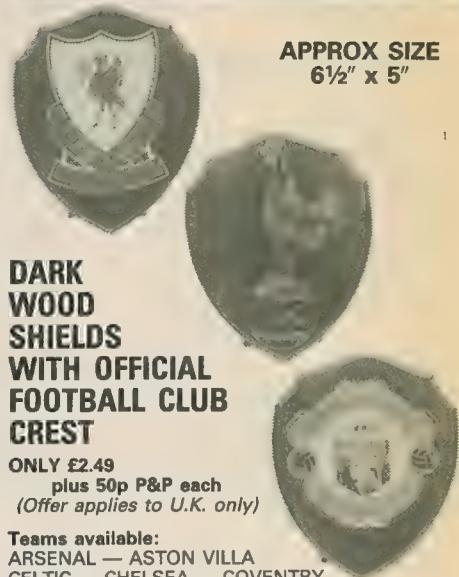
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I have always maintained that if we want England to be successful at the highest level, then the manager and the players must be given every opportunity to prepare in the right way.

All our major international rivals afford their players about a week's preparation before every game, and that's what we must introduce over here.

Even last week's rivals Greece, who are not classed as a leading soccer nation, postponed all their weekend League matches to prepare for our visit.

I know all the problems involved in attempting to reach some kind of agreement or compromise between the two governing bodies — the F.A. and the Football League.

But if they both feel that the success of the England team is important for the welfare of the game in this country, then they must act, and act quickly.

Let's reflect on the build-up to the crucial European Championship clash in Greece when manager Bobby Robson's squad was almost decimated at the last minute.

Apart from myself, Ipswich's Terry Butcher and Manchester United's Steve Coppell, who would have been certainties for the team, were both injured less than 24 hours before the team were due to report.

No fewer than five other members of the squad were also injured during Saturday's First Division programme, and were all unable to train before the squad flew off to Greece on the Monday.

So, if manager Robson was lucky, he might have managed one full training session before the game.

And that can hardly be described as the ideal preparation for a vital European Championship fixture.

Stresses

On the other hand, the Greek players had been training together for almost a week with their Sunday programme having been called off.

I know that players in this country should be used to the stresses and strains of playing in two games a week virtually throughout the season.

But if you want the players to be in tip-top condition when they represent their country, then five or six days' preparation is necessary.

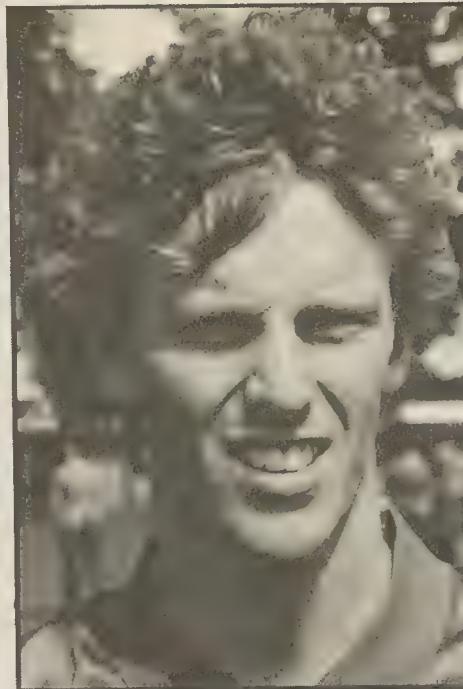
Under the present system of reporting on the Sunday before the game, the management hardly has time to build up team patterns and ideas before the match.

If the players were to report the previous Thursday after Wednesday night fixtures, then they would have every opportunity to shake off niggling knocks and injuries and still have time to prepare properly for the international.

From my own personal point of view, I was bitterly disappointed to be ruled out of the England squad.

I'm hoping it won't affect my chances of regaining my place in the squad for next month's Wembley clash with Luxembourg.

But obviously I am under more



The GRAHAM RIX Column

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pressure than say the likes of Terry Butcher and Steve Coppell, who are more or less certain of being included for that game.

The only consolation for me is that I wasn't replaced in the squad, so I've got to keep my fingers crossed.

My hamstring problem suddenly flared up the day before Arsenal's home game with Everton.

Tightening

I felt a tightening in the hamstring area but, after a day's treatment, it didn't feel too bad on the Saturday, although I took a precautionary fitness test just before the match.

But with about 15 minutes to go, the leg stiffened up again, and I would have gone off had we not already used our substitute.

As the minutes ticked by, I knew at the back of my mind that my England

hopes were gradually receding.

After the match, manager Terry Neill and our England physio Fred Street decided that I wouldn't be fit to report for international duty the next day.

I could see their point of view, although I was obviously as sick as the proverbial parrot.

Arsenal pay my wages, and if I had reported to England and aggravated the injury any further in training, then I might have been ruled out longer than a week.

So I had to grin and bear it, and to rub salt in my wounds, I contracted a stomach bug over the weekend to make me feel even lower.

I don't think I was the easiest person to live with last week.

See you in two weeks' time.

• Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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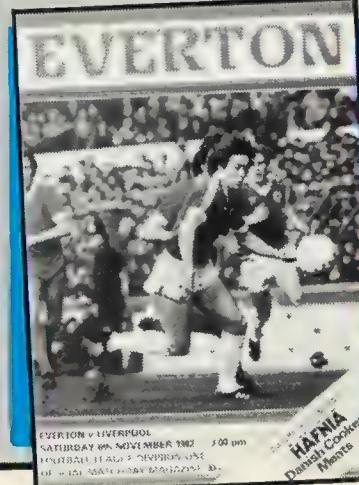
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There's plenty of choice in the programme and interesting articles, notably the special insight into derby affairs by Everton's former Liverpool players Kevin Sheedy and David Johnson. It costs 30p.

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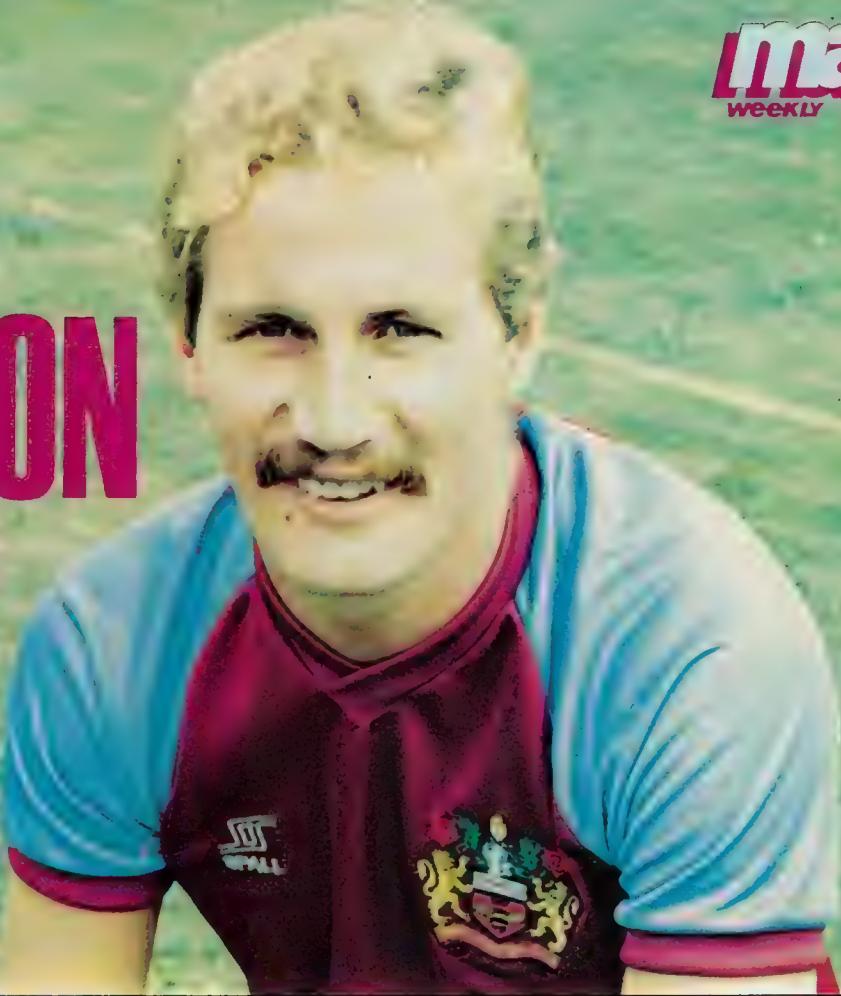
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FORMER Southampton star Ivan Golac feared that he'd never be allowed to play in England again.

The Yugoslav full-back, who joined Third Division Bournemouth last month, told how Government red tape threatened his future in the game.

"It took so long for me to get clearance to play here this season that I began to wonder whether I'd ever play in England again. It was a thought that lurked in the back of my mind," admits Ivan.

"With unemployment so high in this country, there was a feeling that foreign players were taking jobs away from British footballers. That put my application for a work permit in jeopardy."

"It was a very worrying time for me," says Ivan, who was one of the first foreign players to join an English club when he moved from Partizan Belgrade to Southampton in August 1978.

The complications cost Ivan a chance of joining First Division glamour club Manchester City. He explains: "John Bond offered me a month's trial at Maine Road, but I couldn't go because I didn't have a work permit."

"In the end, the club couldn't afford to wait and the deal fell through. I'm sure my clearance problems put off a few other First Division clubs as well."

Ivan was finally cleared to play again three weeks ago. He received a letter from the Home Office telling him that as he'd lived in Britain for four years, he qualified as a United Kingdom resident and didn't need a work permit after all.

"The letter came as a big shock, but a tremendous relief. It was like a big weight being lifted off my shoulders. Now I can concentrate on playing football without worrying where my future lies."

Although he's 32, Ivan still hasn't given up hope of playing in the First Division again and he believes that Bournemouth can help him

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He says: "Bournemouth have given me a chance to prove that I'm as good as ever. If I can get back to full fitness and produce my best form, it might alert the bigger clubs."

Ivan has signed a contract with Bournemouth that takes him up to the end of the season, but he admits he'll be discussing his future again with manager David Webb in the New Year.

"If the club is doing well and there's a chance of promotion then I'll stay. If not, I'll have to have a re-think."

"I feel I'm still good enough to play in the First Division for another three years and I dearly want the chance to get back there."

"I've always looked after myself — I don't drink or smoke — so I don't have any fitness worries."

"Players like my former team-mate Alan Ball and Arsenal's John Hollins have proved that you can compete at the highest level even when you're well into your thirties."

"When it is time to retire, I'll be the first to know. If I feel I'm getting sluggish and struggling, I'll just wave goodbye and say thanks very much."

Ivan was released by Southampton at the end of the season after making 144 League appearances for 'The Saints' and establishing himself as one of their most consistent performers.

"I needed a new challenge. Although I enjoyed my spell at The Dell, I had felt unsettled for some time," says Ivan.

"I had a great relationship with the crowd and the highlight of my stay there was when they voted me 'Player of the Year' in 1980-81. It meant something really special to me."

Southampton have lost such experienced players as former England stars Kevin

Keegan, Alan Ball and Mike Channon this season and Ivan reckons the club faces a tough battle against relegation.

"Although they've got some youngsters with great ability at Southampton, it's going to be a couple of years before you see the best of them."

"You can't rebuild a team overnight and I believe that Southampton have released too many of their experienced players. You need older heads to help them along."

"Liverpool are the perfect example of how to blood young players. They bring them in gradually rather than throw a lot of players in at the same time."

"They've been rebuilding over the last two or three years and Sammy Lee, Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan have all emerged as the new stars."

Ivan believes that the quality of the First Division has declined in the four years he's been competing at the top level.

He claims: "There aren't as many quality sides around as there once was. When I first arrived in England, there were so many good sides around. Clubs like Leeds, Everton and West Brom were all up there challenging for honours."

"There are only three teams who I believe are good enough to win the Championship this season — Liverpool, Aston Villa or Nottingham Forest."

"Many people have claimed that Manchester United are good enough but I don't think so. They've disappointed me this season."

"Coaches and managers will have to change their attitudes if the game is to improve. They've got to put the emphasis more on skill than running," adds Ivan, who was capped four times by his country.

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Group Three

GREECE (0) 1 (Georgamilis)
ENGLAND (0) 0
 Att: 10,000 (in Athens)
 Greece: Kitsoudis, Manolas, Georgamilis, Aviazidis, Karagiopoulos, Voutritis, Saravakos, Antoniou, Batsinilas (sub Madridis), Vlachos (sub Patrinos). Papadopoulos
 England: Bailey, Venison, Statham, McMahon (sub Bracewell), Kilcline, Barnes (sub Hodge), Walsh, Hateley, Davis, Chamberlain

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Milk Cup, Third Round, Replay

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Loveridge 83)
BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Roberts, 1, Mahoney, T 82)
 Att: 6,676
 Swansea: Davies 7, Stanley 5, Hadzibabic 5, Charles 6, Robinson 5 (sub Loveridge 5), Rajkovic 6, James, L 6. **JAMES, R 8.**, Mahoney, J 6, Stevenson 5, Latchford 5
 Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 6, Harris 7, McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Joseph 7, Mahoney, T 7, Bowles 7. **ROBERTS 8.**
 Referee: E.A. Read (Bristol)
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SWITZERLAND (0) 2 (Sulser 49, Egli 60)
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Group Three

GREECE (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 3 (Woodcock 2, 64, Lee 68)
 Att: 45,000 (in Salonika)
 Greece: Sarganis, Gounaris, Isofides, Foiros, Kapsis, Livathinos, Mihos, Mitropoulos, Anastopoulos, Ardzigouli (sub Kostos), Mavros (sub Kofidis)
 England: Shilton, Neal, Sansom, Thompson, Martin, Robson, Lee, Mabbott, Mariner, Woodcock, Morley

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Denmark	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Greece	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Group Four

BULGARIA (0) 0
YUGOSLAVIA (1) 1 (Stojkovic)
 Att: 25,000 (in Sofia)

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
WALES	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Group Six

NORTHERN IRELAND (1) 1 (Stewart 18)
WEST GERMANY (0) 0
 Att: 25,000 (in Belfast)

Northern Ireland: Platt, Nicholl J, O'Neill J, McClelland, Donaghy, Brosteron, McIlroy, O'Neill M, Stewart, Hamilton, Whiteside
West Germany: Schumacher, Kaltz, Strack, Forster B, Briegel, Mattheus, Schuster, Stielke, Rummenigge, Allots, Littbarski

AUSTRIA (3) 4 (Polster, Pezzy, Prohaska, Schachner)
TURKEY (0) 0
 Att: 10,000 (in Vienna)

Group 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
N. IRELAND	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Turkey	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
W. Germany	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Albania	2	0	0	2	0	0	0

Group Seven

EIRE (1) 3 (Grimes 2, Stapleton 64, 76)
SPAIN (1) 3 (Maceda 30, Martin, og 46, Victor 59)
 Att: 35,000
 Eire: McDonagh, Devine, Martin, Lawrenson, Hughton, Grealish (sub Mick Walsh), Brady, Grimes, Robinson, Stapleton, O'Callaghan K, Spain: Arcionada, Juan Jose, Bonnet, Macea, Camacho, Senor, Victor, Gordillo, Pedraza, Santillana (sub Roberto), Marcos

Group 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EIRE	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Spain	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Holland	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Malta	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Iceland	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

Other Tables

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
USSR	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Poland	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Finland	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

PLAYER RATINGS

- 10 Out of this world
- 9 Outstanding
- 8 Excellent
- 7 Good
- 6 Adequate
- 5 Off form
- 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★	A classic
★★★★	Good value
★★★★	Satisfactory
★★★	Dull
★★	A waste of money

Group 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Sweden	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Czechs.	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Italy	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Saturday, Nov. 20

Division One

ASTON VILLA	(1) 2 (Shaw 7, Withe 53)
MANCHESTER UNITED	(1) 1 (Stapleton 21)
Att: 35,487	
Aston Villa:	Rimmer 7, Jones 7, Williams 7, EVANS 9 , McNaught 8, Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, Shaw 8, Withe 8, Cowans 7, Morley 7
Man Utd:	Bailey 7, Duxbury 8, Albiston 7, Moses 8, Moran 7, McQueen 7, ROBSON 9 , Muirhen 7, Stapleton 8, Whiteside 7 (sub McGarvey 7), Coppell 7
Referee:	B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating:	★★★

COVENTRY (0) 4 (Dyson 58, Whitton 63, 84, Thompson 85)

LUTON (0) 2 (Horton 65, Stein 80)

Att: 9,644

Coventry: Sealey 6, Thomas 6, Roberts 7, Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, **WHITTON 8**, Francis 7 (sub Butterworth), Hateley 7, Thompson 7, Hunt 6

Luton: Findlay 5, Stevens 6, Money 5, **HORTON 7**, Goodyear 6, Turner 5, Hill 6,

Stein 6, Walsh 6, Antic 5, Moss 5

Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil)

Match Rating: ★★★

EVERTON (0) 0

WEST BROM (0) 0

Att: 16,001

Everton: Arnold 6, Stevens 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 5, Wright 5, McMahon 6, Heath 6, Johnson 5, Sharp 5, King 5, **IRVINE 7**.

West Brom: Godden 6, Whitehead 6, Statham 6, **ZONDERVAN 7**, Wile 5,

Robertson 6, Jol 6, Cross 6, Regis 6, Owen 6, Eastoe 6

Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 4 (Deehan, pen 48, pen 57, Mervin 55, Berstschin 77)

STOKE (1) 2 (McIlroy 21, O'Callaghan 76)

Att: 13,658

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Hareide 7 (sub Jack 7), Van Wyk 8, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 8, **O'NEILL 9**, Deehan 8, Berstschin 8, Bennett 8.

Stoke: Harrison 6, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, Bracewell 7, Watson 7, McAughtrie 6, Maguire 7 (sub Berry 6), **McILROY 8**, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 7, Chamberlain, M 7

Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)

Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTINGHAM COUNTY (1) 1 (Christie 16)

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Johnston 52, Dalglish 54)

Att: 16,914

Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7, Worthington 6, **HOOKS 8**, Kilcline 6, Richards 7, Chedzoy 7, Christie 6, McCulloch 6, Goodwin 7, Mair 6 (sub Lahtinen)

Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 6, Thompson 7, Johnston 7, Hansen 7, **DALGLISH 9**, Lee 6, Rush 6, Lawrence 6, Souness 6

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Thijssen 59)

Att: 18,449

Southampton: Shilton 7, Agbola 6, Mills 6, Williams 6, Nicholl 7, **WRIGHT 8**, Holmes 5, Moran 6, Cassells 5 (sub Pucket 6), Armstrong 6, Wallace 7

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, Gernon 6, Thijssen 7, Osman 7, **BUTCHER 8**, Wark 6, McCall 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, Gates 6

Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Wallace 52)

Att: 14,716

Sunderland: Turner 6, Nicholl 7, Munro 7, **ATKINS 8**, Elliott 6, Pickering 5 (sub. McCoist 6), Cummins 6, Rowell 6, West 5, Buckley 7, Venison 7

Nott's Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Swain 6, Bowyer 6, Gunn 7, **YOUNG 8**, Walsh 6 (sub Fairclough), Proctor 6, Wallace 7, Birtles 6, Hodge 6, Robertson 6

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Latchford 58)

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Woodcock 73, Chapman 88)

Att: 12,389

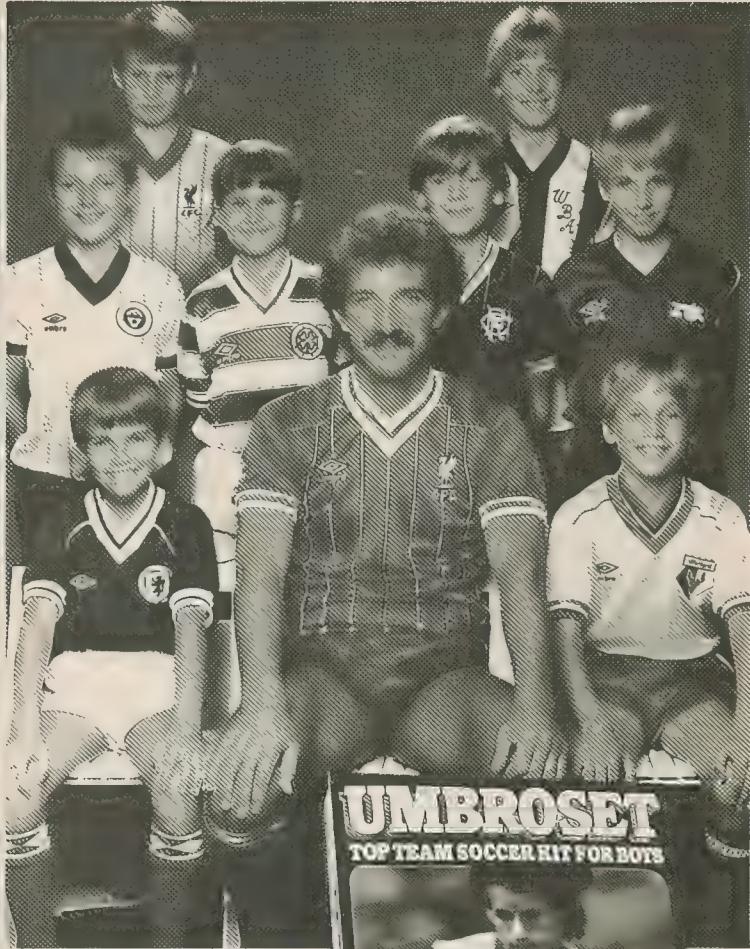
Swansea: Davies 6, Stanley 6, Hadzibabic 6, Charles 6, Lewis 6, Rajkovic 6, Loveridge 6, James, R 6, Mahoney 7, Stevenson 6, **LATCHFORD 8**

Arsenal: Wood 6, O'Shea 7, Sansom 6, Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Whyley 6, **DAVIS 8**, Sunderland 7, Robson 7, Woodcock 7 (sub Chapman 6), Rix 7

Referee: G. Naphine (Loughborough)

Match Rating: ★★★

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MATCH FACTS

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Archibald 55, 89)

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Van der Elst 33)

Att: 41,960

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 8, Price 6, ★O'REILLY 9, Hazard 6, Perryman 7 (sub. Brooke 7), Mabbett 7, Archibald 8, Villa 7, Hoddle 6, Crooks 7

West Ham: ★PARKES 8, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Marin 7, Neighbour 7, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 7, Clark 7, Allen 7, Pike 7

Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (1) 4 (Blissett, pen 2, pen 78, Barnes 63, Taylor 82)

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ryan 88)

Att: 16,520

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Rostron 7, Taylor 7, Sims 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 7, ★BLISSETT 8, Gilligan 6 (sub. Johnson 6), Jackett 7, Barnes 7

Brighton: Moseley 7, Stevens 5, Nelson 6, Stille 7 (sub. Ryan), Foster 7, Gatting 6, Case 7, ★McNAB 8, Robinson 6, Ward 7, Smillie 7

Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Stonehouse, pen 85)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Chandler 82)

Att: 7,428

Blackburn: O'Keefe 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 6, Randell 6, Mail 6, ★FAZACKERLEY 8, Miller 6, Hamilton 6, Bell 6, Garner 5 (sub. Stonehouse 6), Brotherton 6

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Deakin 6, McGovern 6, Jones 6, Doyle 6,

★CHANDLER 8, Henry 7, Foster 6, Reid 7, Thompson 6

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Smith 77)

QPR (2) 4 (Wicks 29, Sealy 33, Allen 61, 79)

Att: 5,685

Cambridge: Webster 6, Spriggs 6, Murray 6, Turner 6, Fallon 6, Lockhart 6, Cartwright 6 (sub. Donaldson 6), Christie 6, Reilly 6,

★SMITH 7, Finney 6

QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Wicks 7 (sub. Stewart 6), Hazell 6, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 6, Sealy 7, ★ALLEN 8, Stainrod 6, Gregory 6

Referee: I. J. Corbett (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Hornsby 30, Lee 68)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

Att: 16,276

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Haigh 6, ★ASHURST 8, Larkin 6, Houghton 5, Staniforth 7, Coughlin 6, Hornsby 7 (sub. Lee 7), Bannon 6, Shoulder 7

Newcastle: Carr 6, Anderson 7, Wharton 6, Haddock 5, Clarke 6, Carney 6, Todd 6 (sub. Craggs 6), McCrory 6, Varadi 6, McDermott 7, ★WADDLE 8

Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales 10)

ROTHERHAM (2) 5 (Moore 19, 74, pen 88, McBride 22, Towner 51)

Att: 6,761

Charlton: Johns 6, Curtis 5, Aizlewood 4, Elliott 5, Berry 5, ★ROBINSON 7, Mehmet 6, Bullivam 5, White 5, Hales 5, Harris 5

Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Henson 7, Gooding 7, Hughes 7, Green 7, ★TOWNER 9, Gow 7, Moore 8, Seasman 7, McBride 8

Referee: L. Burden (Dorset)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: White (Charlton)

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Lee 73)

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (McNally 87, Cross 89)

Att: 8,690

Chelsea: Francis 5, Locke 7 (sub. Driver), Jones 5, Pates 7, ★DROY 8, Chivers 5, Rhoades-Brown 6, Burnstead 6, Lee 5, Speedie 6, Fillery 6

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 5, Leonard 5, Petts 5 (sub. Turner 5), Pearson 6, Griffiths 6, Cross 7, MacLaren 5, Stevens 6, ★McNALLY 8, Bates 6

Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)

Match Rating: ★★★★

DERBY (0) 2 (Swindlehurst 49, Dalziel 73)

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Wyld 21, Foster, og 82)

Att: 11,755

Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Buckley 7, Attley 5, Foster 6, McAlle 6, Broily 5, ★GEMMILL 9, Richards 7, Swindlehurst 7, Dalziel 7

Oldham: Goram 7, Edwards 6 (sub. Clements 6), ★RYAN 8, Bowden 6, Hoolickin 6

Fuutcher 7, McDonough 6, Atkinson 7, Heaton 6, Wyld 7, Palmer 6

Referee: E. J. Scales (Ware)

Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Whymark 89)

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Glavin 59, Cunningham 65)

Att: 7,219

Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6, Cumming 7, Waters 6, Cooper 6, Whitlock 7, Speight 6, ★WHYMARK 8, Drinkell 5, Bonnyman 5 (sub. Kilmore 5), Ford 5

Barnesley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, Glavin 6, Banks 6, McCarthy 6, Souter 7, Campbell 6, ★CUNNINGHAM 8, Mann 5, Barrowclough 6

Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Banks (Barnsley)

LEEDS (0) 0

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

Att: 18,482

Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 6, Gray, F 6, Sheridan 7, Hart 6, Burns 6, Hird 6, Connor 6, Worthington 6 (sub. Butterworth), Thomas 6, ★GRAHAM 8.

Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Ward 7, Bolton 6, Baxter 7, Ross 7, ★WOOD 8, Kennedy 7, Hankin 6, Otto 7, Bell 7, Shearer 7

Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)

Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Ward (Middlesbrough)

LEICESTER (0) 0

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Mabbatt 65)

Att: 8,616

Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 5, Friar 6, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6,

★LINEKER 8, Kelly 6 (sub. Smith, A), English 6, Wilson 6

Crystal Palace: ★BARRON 8, Gilbert 5, Murphy 6, Lovell 7, Cannon 6 (sub. Nebbeling 6), Hinshewell 7, Giles 7, Hughton 6, Langley 7, Mabbatt 6, Hilaire 7

Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Taylor 37)

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Steven 29)

Att: 16,117

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Shirtliff, Peter 7, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 7, Megson 6, Taylor 7, ★BANNISTER 8, McCulloch 6, Miroevic 7

Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Donachie 6 (sub. Scott 6), Cassidy 6, Phelan 7, Flynn 6, ★DOBSON 8, Steven 7, Hamilton 7, Taylor 5, McGee 5

Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (2) 2 (Clarke 10, Gray 40)

FULHAM (1) 4 (Lewington 26, Davies 59, 72, Wilson 84)

Att: 14,448

Wolves: Burridge 6, Humphrey 7, Palmer 7, Hibbit 6, Gallagher 5, Coy 5, Daniel 5, ★CLARKE 8, Gray 7, Eves 4, Matthews 4

Fulham: Peyton 5, Hopkins 6, Lock 6, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 6, Hale 7, ★DAVIES 8, Wilson 7, Coney 7, Houghton 6, Lewington 7

Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

FA Cup, First Round

ALDRSHOT (2) 4 (Banton, pen 5, 77, Sanford 37, Brodie 82)

WIMBORNE (0) 0

Att: 2,630

Aldershot: Johnson 5, Scott 6, Wooler 7, Briley 7, Wood 7, Jopling 5, Shrubbs 5 (sub. Lucas 6), ★BANTON 9, Sanford 7, McDonald 8, Brodie 8

Wimborne: ★MANUEL 9, Logan 6

Loveridge 6, Cannie, N 8, Collie 7, Burns 6, Tucker 8, Coombes 5, Cannie, B 6, Bridle 6, Stroud 6 (sub. Beardsley 7)

Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ALTRINCHAM (1) 2 (Davison 26, Howard 82)

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Wellings, pen 84)

Att: 3,053

Altrincham: Johnson, D 8, Allan 7, Davison 8, Kenyon 7, Cuddy 7, Anderson 7, Bailey 6, Heathcote 7, Johnson, J 5, Rogers 6, ★HOWARD 9.

Rochdale: Pearce 7, Keenan 6 (sub. Hamilton), Snookes 7, Martinez 7, Swan 7, Weir 7, Thompson 8, Greaves 7, French 7, ★WELLINGS 9, Hilditch 7

Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sendings Off: Anderson, Kenyon (Altrincham), Martinez, French (Rochdale)

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BLACKPOOL (0) 3 (Pashley 51, Bamber 79, Deary, pen 90)

HORWICH RMI (0) 0

Att: 5,280

Blackpool: Hesford 7, Bardsley 7, Hart 7, Deary 7, Hetzke 7, Serella 6, **★HOCKADAY 8**, Noble 6, Bamber 7, Pashley 7, Downes 6 (sub. Jeffrey 6).

Horwich RMI: McMahon 7, Griffiths 7, Parry 7, Waywell 7, Filous 8 (sub. Brown 7), Kilgannon 7, Garrett 7, Haslem 7, Lang 8, Caldwell 7, **★MacLACHLAN 9**.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★

BOSTON (0) 3 (Lumbry 54, Cook 61, 66) **CREWE (1) 1** (Palios 25)

Att: 3,311

Boston: Blackwell 6, Lyon 7, Mann 8, Tiler 7, Jones 7, Allen 7, Cox 6 (sub. Casey 6), **★COOK 9**, Lumbry 8, Mallerde 8, Gilbert 7, Crewe: Smith 6, Purdie 6, Bowers 6, Salathiel 5, Scott 6, Palios 7,

HASLEGRAVE 8, Sutton 7 (sub. Hanlon 5), Waller 6, Evans 6, Craven 7, **Referee:** J. Deakin (Bedford)

Match Rating: ★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Spackman, og 15, Morgan og 19)

Att: 4,835

Bournemouth: Allen 6, Golac 6, Sulley 6 (sub. Graham 5), Spackman 6, **★BRIGNULL 7**, Dawkins 6, Carter 5, Williams 5, Morgan 5, Funnell 5, Dwyryd 6.

Southend: Keeley 7, Stead 6, Hadley 7, Clark 7, Otułkowski 7, Cusack 7, Pountney 7, **★PHILLIPS 8**, Mercer 6, Greaves 6 (sub Pennyfather 6), Nelson 7

Referee: T. Ward (London)

Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Stephens 51) **WYCOMBE (0) 0**

Att: 6,420

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Slatter 7, Williams 8, 7, Williams, G 7, Parkin 7, McCaffery 6, Holloway 6, Williams 6, D. Stephens 7,

★RANDALL 8, Barrett 7

Wycombe: Lester 7, Norman 6, Hill 6, Toll 6, Vircavs 7, **★DELL 8**, Borg 6, Jacobs 7, Glynn 7, Long 7, Wilson 6

Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★

CARSHALTON (1) 4 (Dark 36, Levington 58, 79, Tuite 62) **BARNET (0) 0**

Att: 1,100

Carshalton: Collier 7, Maurice 7, Akers 7, Raffington 7, Coghill 6, Fraser 7, Parsons 7, Levington 7, Tuite 7, Friend 7, **★DARK 8**, **Barnet:** Phillips 5, Garner 6, **★SARGENT 8**, Chivers 6, Kruse 6 (sub. Gallagher 6), Pittaway 7, Millett 6, Ragan 6, Stein 6, Barnes 7, Mahoney 6

Referee: T. G. Bune (Newbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CHESHAM (0) 0

YEOVIL (1) 1 (Bell 9)

Att: 1,332

Chesham: Allies 6, Cerassale 4, McGonagle 4 (sub Greenhalgh), Morrissey 7, Holmes 5, Jones 6, Brown 6, **★ADAMS 8**, Woodstock 5, Huxley 7, Nash 6

Yeovil: Langley 7, Giles 7, Gold 7 (sub Williams 7), Payne 7, Andrews 7, Beck 6, Platt 7, James 8, **★BELL 9**, Ritchie 8, Brown 8

Referee: D. H. Nevin (Woking)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CHESTER (0) 1 (Lane 90) **NORTHWICH VICTORIA (1) 1** (Wilson 30)

Att: 4,400

Chester: Salmon 6, Bradley 6, Lane 7, Storton 7, Zelen 5, Johnson 6 (sub Blackwell 5), **★SLOAN 8**, Allen 6, Simpson 6, Ludlam 7, Thomas 7

Northwich: Ryan 7, Fretwell 7, Murphy 6, Jones 7, Forshaw 5, Ward 5, Anderson 7, Bradley 6, Reid 5 (sub Bennett 6), Chesters 6, **★WILSON 8**

Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Walker 34, 89) **PETERBOROUGH (1) 2** (Clarke 7, Gynn 53)

Att: 2,965

Chesterfield: Turner 6, Stark 6, O'Neill 5, Wilson 7, Green 6, Bellamy 5, Windridge 6, Athersych 6, **★WALKER 8**, Kowalski 6, Carroll 7 (sub Dawson 6)

Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 6, Collins 7, **★GYNN 8**, Firm 6, Slack 7, Clarke 7, Rodway 6, Cooke 6, Benjamin 7, Chard 7

Referee: R. Nixon (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★★

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Referee: R. Nixon (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★★

COLCHESTER (0) 0

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Little 34, Cooper 81)

Att: 2,913

Colchester: Walker 6, Ward 6, Coleman 6 (sub. Adcock 5), Hunter 6, **★LONGHORN 7**, Wigfall 6, Allinson 6, Osborne 5, McDonough 6, Bremner 5, Leslie 5

Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 6, Wilson 6, **★RIECH 8**, Little 7, Bould 6, Grapes 6, O'Donnell 6, Cooper 6, Anderson 6, Gallagher 7

Referee: D. L. Reeves (Uxbridge)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Grapes (Torquay)

DARLINGTON (0) 0

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cammack 50)

Att: 2,540

Darlington: Cuff 6, Brisset 5, Wilson 6, Smith 5, **★RHODES 7**, Kamara 6, Gilbert 5, McLean 6, Honour 6, Walsh 6, Dunn 5

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 6, Pointon 6, **★PARKINSON 8**, Baines 7, Hunter 7, O'Berg 5, Cammack 6, Cowling 5 (sub Fowler 6), Angus 7, Leman 6

Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)

Match Rating: ★★★

ENFIELD (0) 0

NEWPORT (0) 0

Att: 2,541

Enfield: Jacobs 8, Savage 7, Tone 7, **★BARRETT 9**, Waite 6, Ironton 6, Oliver 5, Taylor 6, Ashford 7, Turner 6, King 7

Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 6, Vaughan 8, Bailey 7, **★GWYTHOR 9**, Relish 8, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 6, Tyman 7, Elsey 6, Moore 6

Referee: J. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Cascarino 34)

DAGENHAM (0) 0

Att: 3,889

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, **★BRUCE 8**, Weatherly 6, Tydeman 7, Miller 6 (sub. White 7), Johnson 6, Cascarino 7, Grewcock 6, Price 6

Dagenham: Hutley 7, Boyce 6, Knapman 7, Dunwell 7, **★CAMPBELL 8**, Wade 6, Francis 7, Stewart 7, Reeves 6, Wilson 6, Armstrong 7

Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)

Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (0) 0

NORTH SHIELDS (0) 1 (McCafferty 50)

Att: 2,277

Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6 (sub **★WARD 7**), Wood 6, Evans 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 5, Staniforth 6, Davison 5, Allatt 5, Spooner 5, Goodman 6

North Shields: **★HARRISON 8**, Waterson 7, Dickson 7, Varty 7 (sub Cassidy 7), Harmison 7, Young 7, Smith 6, Doig 7, Ross 6, Donaldson 6, McCafferty 7

Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HARTEPOOL (0) 3 (Linacre 42, 88, Hogan 52)

LINCOLN (0) 0

Att: 2,204

Hartlepool: Wright 8, Brown 7, Stimpson 6, **★HOGAN 9**, Linacre 8, Linighan 8, Staff 6, Hamilton 6, Dobson 7, Lawrence 7, Barker 7

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 8, Neale 6, **★COCKERILL 9**, Peake 6, Thompson 6, Burke 7, Turner 6, Hobson 7, Bell 7, Shipton 7

Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HULL (0) 1 (Kenworthy, og 67)

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Edwards 8)

Att: 9,152

Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 7, Skipper 7, Roberts, D 5, Booth 6, Swan 6, Roberts, G 7, Marwood 7, **★MCCLAREN 9**, Whitelock 6, Mutrie 7

Sheff Utd: Conroy 8, **★HENDERSON 9**, Houston 5, Kenworthy 5, Charles 5, Morris 8, Richardson 6, Curran 6, Trussell 5, Edwards 5, Hatton 5 (sub. Brazil 7)

Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)

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Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Hereford: Plumley 7, Price 7, Bray 6, Hicks 6, Pejic 6, Ross 5, Lane 5, Crabbe 5 (sub Harvey 6), Showers 6, McNeil 6, **★WHITE 8**.

Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★★

PORT VALE (0) 0

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 79)

Att: 6,151

Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tartt 6, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 6, Cegelski 7, Fox 7, Moss 7, Newton 7, Ridley 5 (sub Greenhoff 6).

★ARMSTRONG 8.

Bradford: **★MCMANUS 8**, Podd 7, Chapman 6, Lester 7, Cooke 7, Jackson 6, McFarland 6, Ellis 7, Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Mellor 6

Referee: C. Newsome (Shropshire)

Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (3) 5 (Elliott 14, 23, Kelly 36, Coleman 68, McAtee 76)

SHEPSHED CHARTERHOUSE (0) 1 (Jenks 58)

Att: 6,200

Preston: Litchfield 6, Westwell 7, McAtee 7, O'Riordan 7, Colerman 7, Gowling 7, **★KELLY 8**, Sayer 7, Elliott 7, Naughton 6, Houston 7,

Shepshe: **★KING 7**, Black 5 (sub Chamberlain 5), Mitchell 5, Chapman 5, Hendrick 5, Matthews 6, Lissanan 5, Fearn 5, Jenas 6, Gould 5, Kirk 5

Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)

Match Rating: ★★★

READING (0) 1 (Earles 77)

BISHOPS STORTFORD (0) 2 (Sullivan 72, Worrell 88)

Att: 2,931

Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 6, **★WHITE 7**, Beavon 6, Hicks 6, Wood 6, Basin 6, Stant 5

Dixon 6, Doherty 6 (sub Earles 6), Donnellan 5

Bishops Stortford: Welsh 6, Wickenden 5, Brown 5, Smith 6, Elley 6, Hull 6, Avery 6, Bradford 6, Worrell 6, Simmonds 6

★SULLIVAN 7.

Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★★

SLOUGH (0) 1 (Attrell 87)

MILLWALL (0) 0

Att: 5,000

Slough: **★PARSONS 9**, Yerby 6, Hutchinson 7, Malone 8, Webster 7, Evans 6, Powell 6, White 7 (sub Petty 6), Attrell 7, Russell 7, Dodds 7

Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 6, Robinson 7, Massey 6, Allardyce 6, Roberts 7

★HORRIX 8, Neal 6, Avlott 7, Martin 7, Madden 6

Referee: M. Taylor (Deal)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sendings Off: Evans (Slough), Martin (Millwall)

SWINDON (0) 2 (Henry 47, Rideout 56)

WEALDSTONE (0) 0

Att: 4,035

Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 6, Baddeley 7, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, Graham 6

★PRITCHARD 8, Batty 5, Rideout 7, Rowland 6, Barnard 6

Wealdstone: Goddard 6, Perkins 5, Pearce 6, Byatt 6, Bogart 6, Barwick 6, Davies 5, Wainwright 5, Cordice, A 6, Graves 6

★CORDICE, N 7.

Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)

Match Rating: ★★★★

TRANMERE (2) 4 (Kerr 35, Brown 0 43 56)

SCARBOROUGH (1) 2 (Hamson 36 59)

Att: 2,836

Transmere: Endersby 7, Mungall 6, Burgess 6, Brown, A 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 7, Powell 6, Aspinall 6, Kerr 6, **★BROWN, O 8**, Griffiths 7

Scarborough: Letheran 6, Parker 6 (sub Howey), Buinns 6, Magee 6, Cottam 6

★COOK 8, Sellers 6, Jones 6, Hanson 7, Bowman 6, Olney 7

Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WALSALL (1) 3

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

WEYMOUTH (0) 4 (Morrell, Peter 46, 75

Bourne 72, Pearson 82)

MAIDSTONE (2) 3 (Hill 36, Bartley 43, 55)

Att: 2,003

Weymouth: Baker 7, ★MORRELL, Peter 9, Morrell, Paul 8, Elliott 8, Arnold 7, Finnigan (sub Bourne 7), Baber 7, Pearson 8, Iannone 7, Barthwick 7, Benjafield 7

Maidstone: Richardson 7, Thompson 6, Moore 7, Hill 7, Newson 7, Watson 7, Hughes 7, Penfold 7, Green 7, ★BARTLEY 8, Ovard 6

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo) Match Rating: ★★★★

WINDSOR AND ETON (0) 0

BRENTFORD (3) 7 (Mahoney 30, 43, 54, McNichol 35, Joseph 51, Hurlock 60, 69) Att: 6,309

Windsor: Wills 6, Mitchell 6, Briggs 6, King 6, Smith 6, Baron 6, Butler 6, White 5, Edwards 6 (sub. Woodcraft 6), McCulloch 5, ★YATES 8.

Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 7, Harris (sub Booker 7), McNichol 7, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 8, Kamara 7, Bowles 7, Joseph 7,

★MAHONEY 9, Roberts 6

Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WOKINGHAM (1) 1 (Torrance 15)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Tong 79)

Att: 3,000

Wokingham: Hatcher 7, Steer 7, Ryan 7, Wilks 7, Purser 8, ★COX 9, Cotterell 8, Torrance 7, Morton 7, Brown 6 (sub Gane 5), Stanley 7

Cardiff: Dibble 7, Jones 7, Bodin 6 (sub Ingram 5), McAllef 6, Dwyer 7, Mullen 7, ★BENNETT 8, Tong 7, Gibbins 6, Hemmerton 6, Lewis 7

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WORKINGTON (0) 1 (Gill 55)

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Owen 7, Austin 64)

Att: 1,336

Workington: Fisher 7, McDonald 6 (sub Harris), Kent 7, ★BENFOLD 9, Johnston 8, Williams 7, Carruthers 7, Smith 6, Gill 6, Wann 6, Harrison 6

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Referee: D. B. Allinson (Lancaster)

Match Rating: ★★★

WORTHING (0) 2 (Leffiot 57, Cornwell 78)

DARTFORD (1) 1 (Lazarus 24)

Att: 2,042

Worthing: Dovey 7, Flood 7, Cox 7, Aitken 7, Raynsford 8, Leffiot 7, Gill 6, Dove 8,

★CORNWALL 9, Edmonds 7, Foreman 6

Dartford: ★MOSELEY 9, Dixon 6,

Tunbridge 7, O'Sullivan 7, A. Coupland 7,

Robinson 6, Brown 6, O'Sullivan 8, Lazarus 7, Burman 8, Myers 6

Referee: D. Letts (Aldershot)

Match Rating: ★★★★

YORK (0) 3 (Hood 53, Ford 62, Walwyn 82)

BURY (1) 1 (Hilton 6)

Att: 3,057

York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragia 8, Smith 8, Hood 7, Ford 8, Crosby 6,

★WALWYN 9, Byrne 7, Pollard 7

Bury: Brown 7, Gardner 6, Davies 7, ★GORE 8, Hilton 7, Bramhall 6, Firth 6, Madden 7,

Parker 6, Jakub 7, Potts 7

Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (1) 4 (Black 39, Strachan, pen 76, McGhee 78, Hewitt 89)

ST MIRREN (0) 0

Att: 9,000

Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 7, Cooper 7, McLeish 7, Miller 7, Strachan 7, Simpson 6 (sub. Hewitt 6), McGhee 7, ★BELL 8, Black 7

St. Mirren: Thomson 6, Clarke 6, Wilson 7,

★FITZPATRICK 8, Copland 7, Fulton 6,

Richardson 6, Stark 6 (sub McDougal 6), Summer 5, McAvenny 6, Abercromby 6

Referee: R. P. Valentine (Dundee)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CELTIC (0) 3 (McStay 60, Nicholas 64, Burns 83)

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Flavell 85)

Att: 14,963

Celtic: Bonner 6, McGrain 7, Sinclair 6,

★AITKEN 8, MacAdam 7, Burns 7, Provan 7,

McStay 7, McGarvey 6 (sub. McCluskey 6), MacLeod 7, Nicholas 7

Motherwell: Sproat 7, MacLeod 6, Forsyth 6, Carson 7, ★EDWARDSSON 8, Rafferty 5,

Gahagan 6, Flavell 7, McLellan 5 (sub Clinging 6), McClair 7, O'Hara 6 (sub. Forbes 6), Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★★

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Bannon 34, Reilly 77, Dodds 79)

HIBERNIAN (0) 0

Att: 7,374

Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Gough 7, Malpas 6, Stark 6, ★HEGARTY 8, Narey 7, Bannon 7, Milne 6 (sub. Reilly 7), Kirkwood 6,

Sturrock 7, Dodds 7

Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 7, Duncan 7, Smith 6, ★RAE 8, Conroy 7, Callaghan 6,

Murray 6, Irvine 6, Turnbull 6, Thomson 6

Referee: B. McGinley (Balfron)

Match Rating: ★★★★

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

RANGERS (0) 0

Att: 9,500

Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, Robertson 7,

Cockburn 6, Clark 7, J. MacDicken 7, Clarke 6 (sub. Clark 7), McGivern 6, McLean 6,

Gallagher 6, Bryson 6 (sub Bourke), MacLeod 7

Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 6, Dawson 6, McClelland 7, Stevens 6 (sub. McPherson 6), ★BETT 8, Cooper 6 (sub. Robertson), Prytz 7, Johnstone 6, Redford 6, MacDonald 6.

Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MORTON (1) 1 (Docherty 11)

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Bell 57, Mackie 77)

Att: 3,800

Morton: Baines 7, Houston 6, Holmes 7,

★HUTCHISON 8, Cochrane 6, McNeill 6

(sub. Slaven 6), Higgins 5, Docherty 7, McNab 6 (sub. Gavigan 6), Ritchie 6,

Dundee: Kelly 7, Glennie 7, Scrimgeour 6, ★FRASER 8, Smith 7, MacDonald 7, Mackie 7, Bell 6 (sub. Purdie), Kidd 6 (sub. McKimmie), 7, Sinclair 6.

Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)

Match Rating: ★★★★

First Division

ALLOA (0) 0

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan 44, Beedie 53)

Att: 1,772

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Coyne 16, Given 71)

CLYDE (1) 2 (McLaren 11, Nevin 57)

Att: 815

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

DUMBARTON (2) 3 (Blair 15, 89, Stevenson 41)

Att: 1,200

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Wright 65)

AYR (1) 1 (Keen 14)

Att: 783

HEARTS (3) 3 (Johnston 9, Robertson 10, 18)

FALKIRK (0) 1 (Ward 78)

Att: 4,847

PARTICK (0) 1 (Jardine 87)

AIRDRIE (0) 0

Att: 3,192

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (Grant 57, Houston, og 68)

RAITH (1) 2 (Moore 44, Ballantyne 48)

Att: 700

Second Division

ALBION (2) 2 (Mathison, og 5, Houston 42)

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Oliver 58)

Att: 200

BRECHIN (1) 1 (Malone 35)

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Georges 83)

Att: 600

EAST FIFE (0) 0

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0

Att: 412

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Grant 15)

ARBROATH (2) 3 (Gavine 6, Robb 31, Lees 58)

Att: 350

FORFAR (5) 5 (McPhee 6, Clark 12, Gallagher 16, Reach 21, McDonald 27)

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Payne 45)

Att: 823

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2 (Quinn 71, Thompson 73)

COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Ferguson 69, Christie 75)

Att: 350

STIRLING (1) 3 (Colquhoun 31, Steele 56, 66)

BERWICK (1) 1 (Romaines 29)

Att: 686

LEAGUE TABLES

SCOTTISH Premier Division

P W D L F A W D L F A Pts

Celtic 12 6 0 1 18 7 4 1 0 16 6 21

Dundee Utd 12 6 1 0 21 4 1 3 1 4 6 18

Aberdeen 12 5 0 1 17 5 2 3 1 8 6 17

Rangers 12 3 2 0 13 3 1 4 2 10 12 14

Dundee 12 3 1 1 10 6 1 2 4 3 7 11

St. Mirren 12 2 3 1 11 8 0 2 4 1 5 17 9

Kilmarnock 12 1 4 1 5 5 0 2 4 6 16 8

Morton 12 1 3 2 6 6 1 1 4 5 17 8

Hibernian 12 1 4 1 5 5 0 1 5 4 14 7

Motherwell 12 3 1 2 9 12 0 0 6 4 16 7

First Division

P W D L F A W D L F A Pts

St. John's 15 6 1 0 18 4 4 1 3 15 12 22

Hearts 15 5 2 1 19 9 3 3 1 11 6 21

Clydebank 15 3 3 2 12 12 5 0 2 14 10 19

Airdrie 15 3 1 3 13 12 5 1 2 17 7 18

Raith Rov 15 5 0 2 13 9 3 2 3 13 11 18

Dumbarton 15 3 3 1 14 10 4 1 3 12 12 18

Parick 15 4 2 2 12 9 3 1 3 13 9 17

Alloa 15 5 1 2 16 9 2 0 5 6 13 15

Hamilton 15 3 2 3 12 12 2 1 4 12 16 13

Clyde 15 2 0 5 9 6 2 3 3 9 10 11

Queens Pk 15 1 3 4 9 13 1 3 3 9 15 10

Ayr Utd 15 2 2 3 7 12 1 2 5 8 14 10

Dunfermline 15 1 3 4 6 15 0 5 2 8 14 10

Falkirk 15 1 1 5 5 12 2 1 5 7 16 8

Second Division

P W D L F A W D L F A Pts

Meadowbank 15 6 0 1 14 6 3 1 4 16 13 19

Arbroath 15 4 3 0 14 7 3 2 3 13 12 19

Berwick 15 3 4 1 12 6 3 2 2 10 10 18

Brechin 15 5 2 1 14 7 1 3 3 5 9 17

Stirling Alb 15 3 1 3 10 12 4 1 3 15 10 16

Queen of Sth 15 3 1 3 10 12 4 1 3 15 10 16

Cowdenbeath 15 4 2 1 11 7 1 3 4 7 11 15

Forfar 15 4 3 1 19 8 1 5 5 10 14

Montrose 15 2 1 4 10 14 3 3 12 12 14

Stranraer 15 2 1 4 7 10 3 2 3 15 19 23

East Fife 15 1 5 2 10 10 2 1 4 8 8 12

Albion R 15 4 1 3 11 8 0 3 4 10 18 12

Stenhousemuir 15 1 3 4 11 18 1 2 4 8 9 9

East Stirling 15 1 2 5 7 16 1 1 5 6 19 7

Division One

P W D L F A W D L F A Pts

FORMER Middlesbrough star Billy Ashcroft — currently enjoying a spell in Holland — believes that the Dutch are ready to emerge as a major force in world football once more.

After reaching two World Cup Finals in a row, Holland have been going through a lean spell and they failed to qualify for this year's tournament in Spain.

Many critics believe that there is no new talent coming through to replace the likes of world stars Johan Cruyff and Ruud Krol.

But that's not the way Billy sees it. He says: "Holland have the players and they will be back. I'm absolutely sure about that."

"Ajax have a bunch of classy youngsters coming through. Wim Kieft, winner of this year's Adidas Golden Shoe award, is a natural goalscorer and has a bright future ahead of him."

Billy also believes that Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough netted a bargain when he paid Utrecht £165,000 to bring Hans Van Breukelen across the North Sea.

"He's by far the best Continental goalkeeper I've seen for a long time. Brian Clough certainly knew what he was doing when he signed him."

"As well as those two, there are lots of other players who can help put Holland back on the map."

Billy, who made nearly 400 League appearances in spells at Wrexham and Middlesbrough, was released by the Ayresome Park club on a free transfer in the close season.

He now plays for Twente Enschede — the side Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren were with before moving to Ipswich — and he's enjoying Dutch football.

He says: "I like the way they play. It's a more open game and is much more exciting to watch."

Skill level

"Players have a very high skill level and each team has one or two who can make the ball talk. The rest provide a very good supporting cast."

"If I was paying money to watch football, I'd want to see goals — this is where you see them."

"Apart from giants Ajax and Feyenoord, I reckon most of the other teams in the Dutch top flight would be able to hold their own in the English Second Division."

"As well as enjoying my football in Holland, I'm also enjoying the lifestyle. My wife and family have made some good friends here and we live in a lovely house with a big, open log fire."

"Of course there are times when I miss England, but I've got no intention of returning just yet."

"When my playing career is over, I'd like to return as a coach and I believe my spell here will help me."

"After ten years in the Third Division, five in the First and two in Holland, I'll have a little bit of experience to pass on to youngsters."

"Right now, my immediate aim is to help Twente climb back up the table after a poor start to the season. We've got some good players and I'm sure we can pull away from the danger zone."

Despite missing part of the season with a back and calf injury, Billy has been an instant hit with the Twente Enschede fans, scoring five times in nine games.

"In a way, my injury problems were my own fault. When I came over here I was two weeks behind the others in pre-season training and I did too much trying to catch up."

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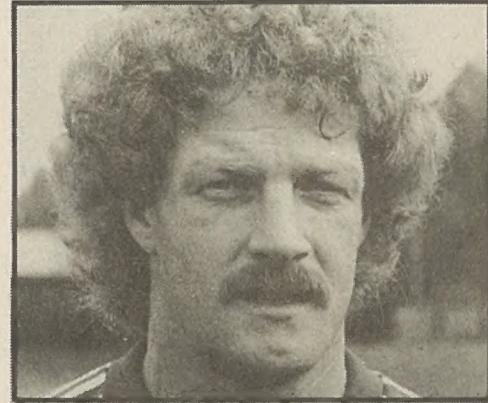
'Match' goes Dutch — hot on the trail of the one-time North East favourite now enjoying life in Holland.

"Settling in at a new club is hard and I lost over a stone in weight through extra training," adds the 30-year-old.

Billy can thank his former Middlesbrough team-mate Heine Otto for the move to Holland. The former Twente striker took some video recordings of Middlesbrough games home and they were seen by club officials.

"Twente manager Ton Van Dalen was looking for an old-fashioned English type centre-forward and he felt I fitted the bill."

"Having said that, I was shattered when Middlesbrough let me go at the end of last season. I was banking on being at Ayresome Park for at least another year. I was very bitter, but it seems that the decision to release me came from above the manager."



English exile Billy Ashcroft — enjoying life in Holland with Twente Enschede.

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ASTON Villa's European Cup hat-trick star Gary Shaw (left) is the choice of 15-year-old Jayne Craft, of North Ferriby, North Humberside. "One of the most entertaining youngsters around with a great personality," she says.



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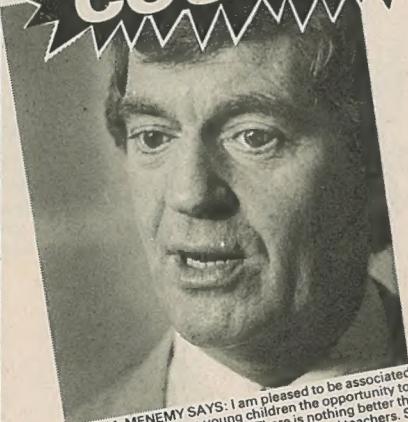
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PORT Vale's new winger Steve Fox pleaded with the fans: "Don't compare me with Mark Chamberlain."

Steve has the awesome task of replacing Mark, who moved to Stoke in the close season and has been dazzling First Division defences ever since.

"I don't want to be labelled as the new Mark Chamberlain. The fans have already started comparing me with him and I don't want that."

"It's unfair because I'm a different kind of player to him," says Steve, who moved to the Potteries on a free transfer from Wrexham.

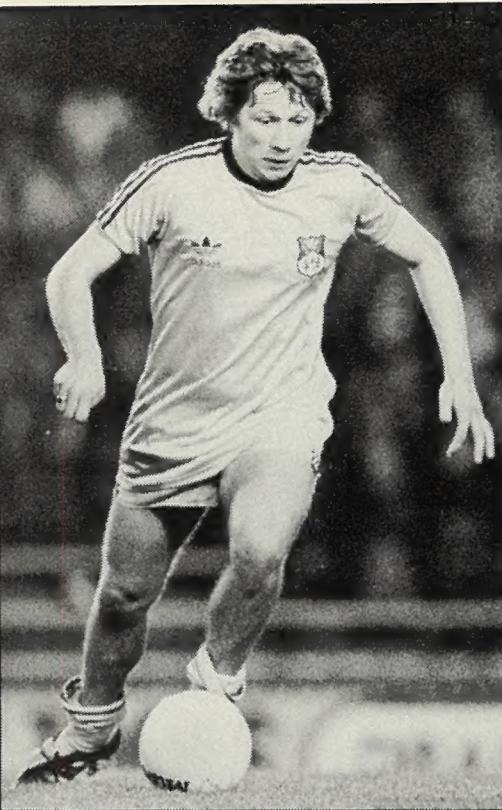
"I don't believe the fans are giving me a fair crack of the whip. I'd only been here a week and they started pulling me down. I take notice of what they say because spectators pay my wages."

Nightmare

"If I have some bad games, the fans are automatically going to say that I'm not in his class," says the 24-year-old.

"It's been a nightmare for me because there's enough pressure on you when you move to a new club. You've got to prove yourself to the players, manager and fans."

"At Wrexham I played up front or in a free role. I haven't played as a winger for over a year. The fans have only seen 10 per cent of the real Steve Fox. Once



Steve Fox: "Don't compare me with Mark Chamberlain."

'I'M BEING HOUNDED'

— STEVE FOX

I've been here a couple of months and I've settled in, the supporters will really see something.

"When I arrived at Port Vale I was plunged straight into the first team even though I'd only trained properly for three days.

"My touch had gone because I hadn't kicked a ball for five weeks. It was a shame I had to go there in such a rush instead of playing a few games before moving.

Quicker

"I'm not making any excuses about my form because I freely admit I've been playing below par, but I've found it difficult adjusting to the Fourth Division."

"The difference I've found is that players work harder and teams tend to close the game down quicker. It's something I'm going to have to get used to."

Steve arrived at Vale Park after four years at The Racecourse Ground, where he made nearly 150 League appearances in four years.

He even turned down an offer of a month's trial at Second Division Newcastle. He says: "They might be a glamour club, but I live in Wrexham and didn't want to move to the North East.

"Walsall also came in but we couldn't agree terms," adds Steve.

"I know Port Vale are a Fourth Division club but I believe they are bound for promotion. Manager John McGrath is a very dedicated person and he believes we're the Liverpool of this division. We're the team everyone wants to beat."

"The gates this season show just how well Vale are doing. We're pulling between five and six thousand and that's got to be good."

"The manager impressed me very much when I spoke to him and I hope I can prove that he wasn't wrong to sign me," adds Steve.

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Joe Neenan,

Les Hunter,

Chris Cowling.

Middle row:

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Simon Snow,

Neil Pointon,

George Teffer,

Vince Grimes,

Steve Cammack.

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Steve Barnes,

John Duncan

(player-manager),

Phil McLoughlin,

Noel Parkinson,

Paul O'Berg.

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